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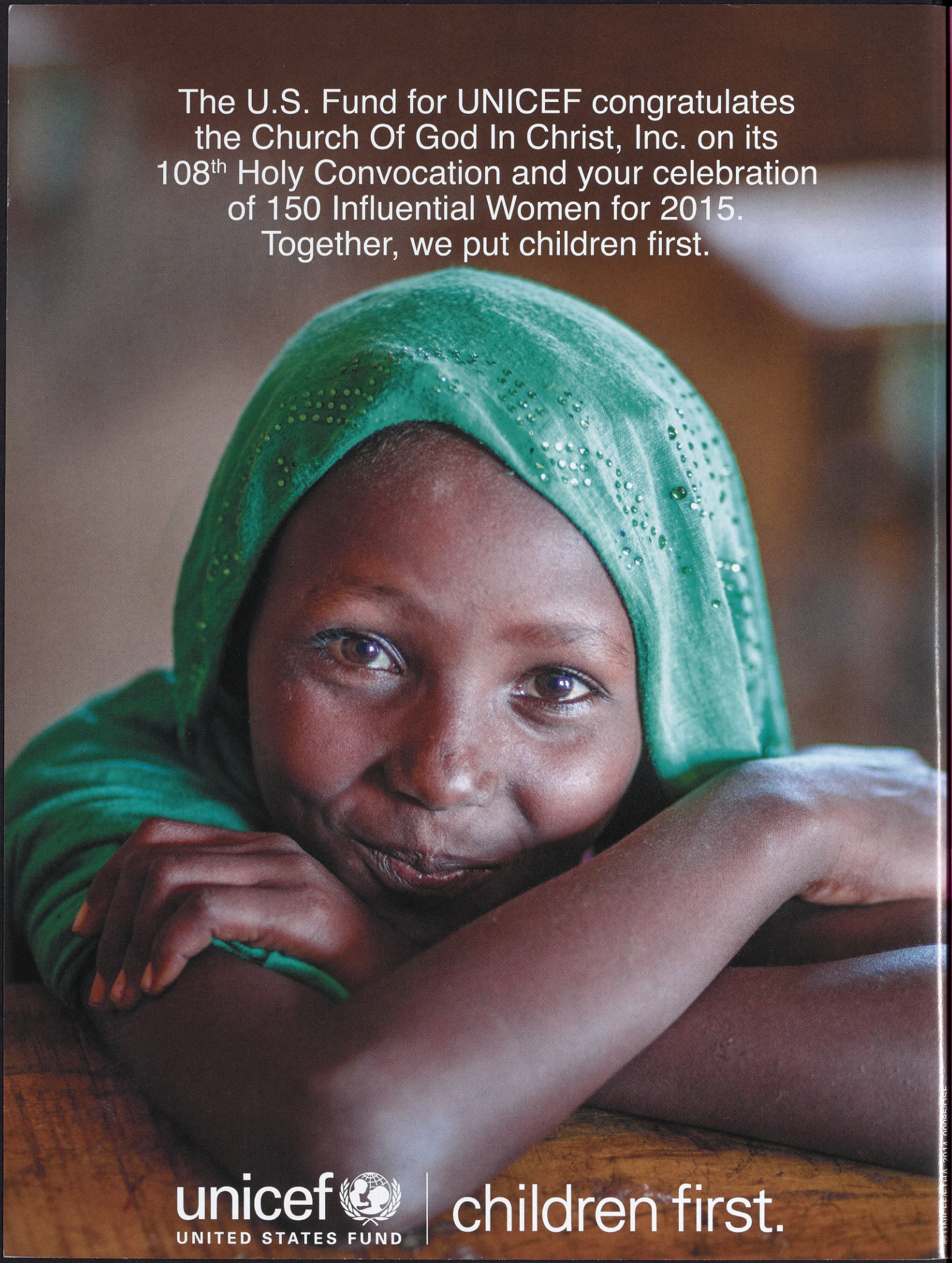
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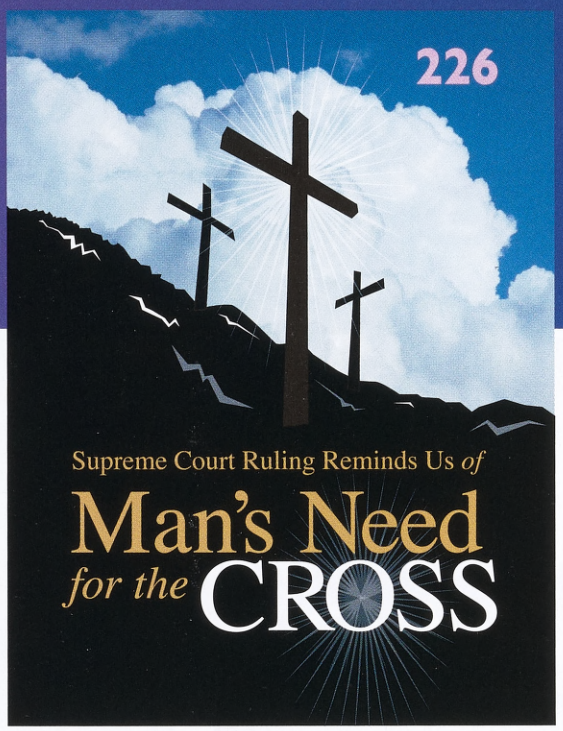

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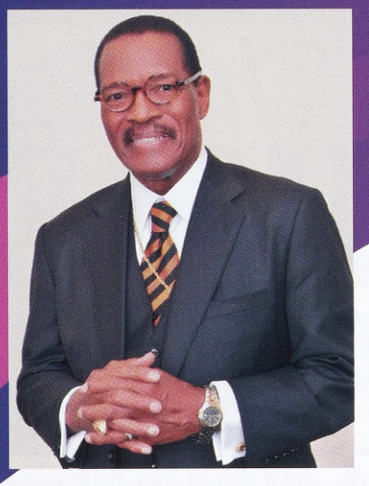

"She extends her hand to the poor...Strength and honor are her clothing; She shall rejoice in time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue is the law of kindness." (Proverbs 31:20, 25-26)

Greetings Dear Readers:

Since the very inception of the Church of God in Christ, the role of women has been particularly vital to the success of our exceptional organization. From the trailblazing Mother Lizzie Robinson, to the forward-thinking Mother Willie Mae Rivers, women have skillfully helped to etch out and shape the very fabric of our structure and operation. Thus, this wonderfully presented edition of The Whole Truth, where we honor and highlight women of influence and women leadership, is timely and befitting.

I would like to personally applaud the 2015 "150 Influential Women" for the ways in which you have served the Lord's people with humility, sacrifice, and most importantly, with love. You are the very essence of Galatians 5:13-14, serving in love and therefore loving others as you would yourselves. The church could not be the church without your concern for and commitment to the people of God. May you accept this honor as a minute token of our appreciation for all that you accomplish, without the desire for vain glory. Truly, your influence has changed lives and harvested souls.

To the women who serve the church in leadership capacities by liberally lending your valued time, educa tion and respected expertise...thank you for being the dedicated servant leaders that you are. While the church is certainly enhanced by your abilities, your influence ultimately enhances the Kingdom of God.

And lastly, to the cherished wives who untiringly support and sustain the General Board leaders with patience, love and grace...a mere "thank you" could never sufficiently cover the gratitude that resides in our hearts for your selflessness. May the Lord grant you long life to accomplish all that you aspire to do and be in Him.

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Congratulations to COGIC's 2015 150 Influential Women!

Dear Readers:

Welcome to another exciting edition of *The Whole Truth* magazine, where we're working hard to continue inspiring and encouraging COGIC members and Christians everywhere. We are elated to present to you this issue, where we pause to honor and highlight an incredible cohort of 150 women of God – the 2015 "150 Influential Women" of The Church of God in Christ.

We accepted hundreds of nominations from you, the people, to produce a list that is representative of women who are diligently striving to love God and to love others; women who undergird their spouses, edify their pastors, cultivate their children and positively influence all those around them. We'd like to extend a very enthusiastic "thank you" to our loyal readers who took the time to help us honor these truly selfless women by accepting our call for nominations.

Additionally, we would truly be remiss if we did not spotlight the wonder women who serve alongside our church leaders, the gracious and gifted wives of our esteemed General Board members who give of their time, talents and families to ensure that Kingdom business is accomplished. Likewise, we honor the great women leaders of COGIC for their dedication and faithfulness to the work of the church and to the things of God. Together, these women have one like mission: to glorify the Father in everything that they are tasked to do.

Thank you to Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr. for never failing to recognize the importance and influence of the role of women within the church. Thank you to our managing editor, Robert E. Coleman, Jr., for your consistent spirit of excellence as you lead and guide such endeavors. And a special note of thanks to the "150 Influential Women" committee members and essay judges who worked tirelessly to bring this important program to life with integrity and impartiality.

On behalf of everyone at *The Whole Truth* magazine, we say "CONGRATULATIONS" to the 2015 "150 Influential Women" and we extend a truly heartfelt "THANK YOU" to the invaluable women leaders of our great church. May God continue to richly bless each of you, as you unfailingly continue to bless others.

By His Grace,

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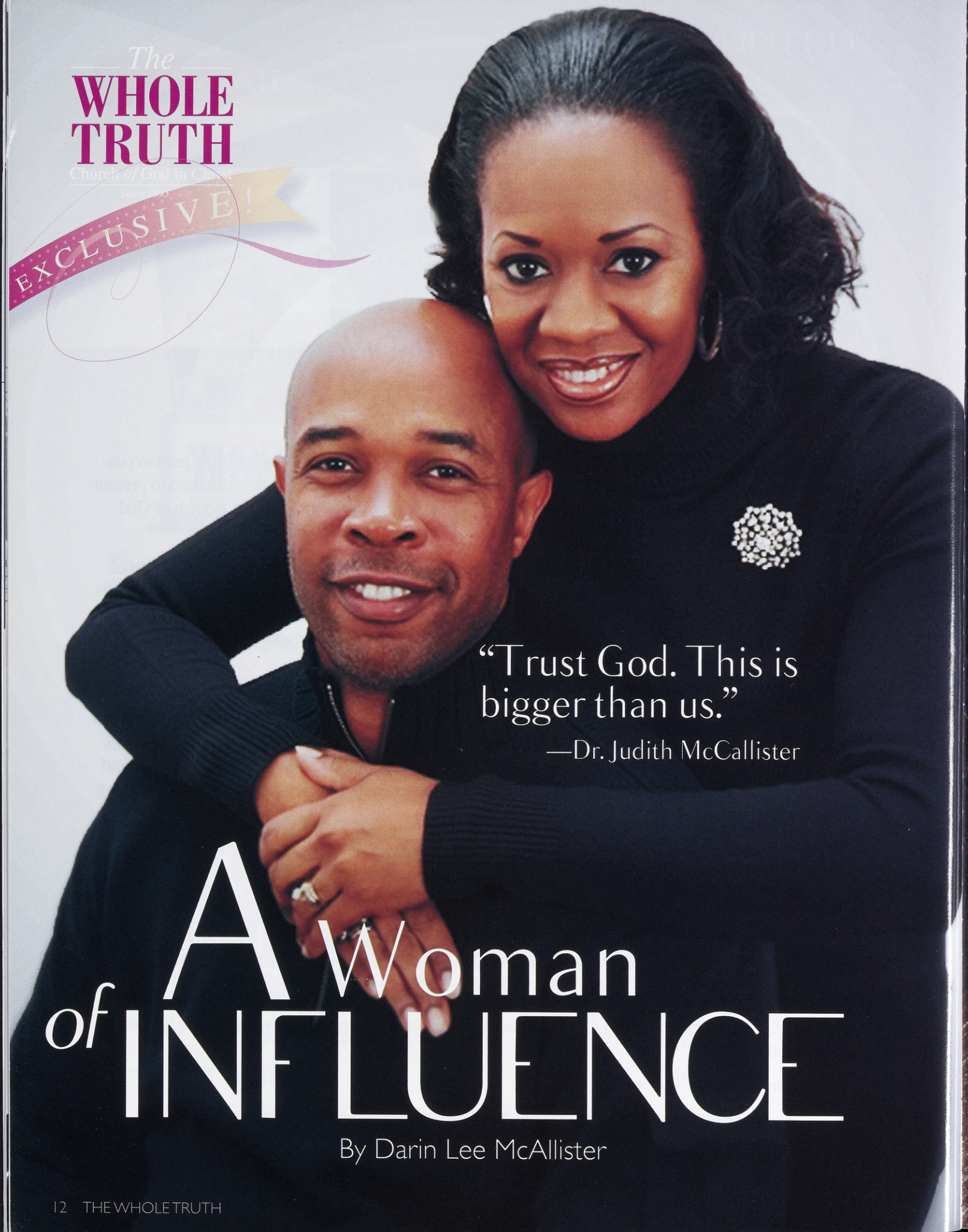

"Trust God. This is bigger than us."
—Dr. Judith McCallister

A Woman of INFLUENCE

By Darin Lee McAllister

It was early evening

and I was in the middle of my gym workout. I answered my cell phone and responded to the request to come into the office. As I went there, I had no idea it would be my last time answering that phone, driving that car, wearing that FBI badge, carrying that gun or sitting at that desk.

When I arrived at my office, two familiar men ushered me into a conference room where the special agent-in-charge said that I had been indicted. I was sure it was a joke; I was just waiting for everyone to burst into laughter. No one cracked and 15 minutes later, I was driven home. I have never seen or talked to anyone who was in that conference room since that day.

When I arrived at home, I went straight to the bedroom that my wife and I shared and asked her to follow me. Before I could say anything, my heart started racing and I began gasping for air. She grasped my hand and asked, "What happened?" I tried to speak. Tears fell. I mumbled that I had been indicted.

This Is Much Bigger Than Us

My wife's response was calm and stable. She comforted me with unimaginable strength. At first we didn't talk, but then I heard her pray. I couldn't make out everything she said, but at the word "amen," I felt a peace that really did "pass all understanding" (Philippians 4:7). She looked in my eyes and said, "This is much bigger than us, and God is going to see us through."

The ordeal began with anonymous phone calls from reporters. They asked questions of my wife that were cruel and mean, such as: "How much did you know about your husband's illegal activities?" One of the first headlines when Googling her name was now: "Gospel Singer Judith Christie McAllister's Husband Arrested for Wire Fraud."

That headline was a reality check for me. This matter publicly humiliated the woman I loved and cherished. As I was falsely accused, she would be falsely accused. My wife experienced "guilt by association." When she walked into a room, conversations stopped and eyes rolled, yet she walked tall and smiled confidently but humbly.

God's Word Had To Be Alive

For me it was testing time. The Bible had to come to life and not just be writing on a page. I was raised in church and earned a B.A. in theology, but now the "Word" had to be alive in ways I had yet to discover.

I understood the legal system and how it worked because I had been part of it for over 20 years. I could have given in and made a deal to avoid a trial; everyone prefers that because it's easier. But I never committed wire fraud. I advised many others involved to avoid confessing to something they didn't do, and I believe that most did not unless they were coerced.

I was at trial within six months of being called into my office that day. My attorneys knew my faith in the Lord and that it wasn't a show or courthouse religion. I had read every scripture I could on faith and trusting God. I was excited to see how He was going to vindicate me, defeat my enemies and give me the victory. I expected my mourning to be turned into dancing and that the enemy would return everything I lost tenfold.

When I stood before a judge and jury and heard "guilty," I felt numb. I had expected God to work on my behalf and reveal the truth, to deliver me. He didn't. The Lord had disappointed me because He didn't do what I expected.

What A Virtuous Woman Looks Like

As I turned to walk out of the courtroom and saw the looks of failure in my attorneys' eyes, I saw my wife extending her arms to hug and comfort one of my lawyers. Shouldn't it be the other way around - the attorney comforting the wife of the convicted defendant? I had witnessed what a virtuous woman looks like on the outside and the inside.

The next week, while others were preparing for the Christmas celebration, I found myself in a fight for my life. I was mentally, emotionally, physically and spiritually exhausted.

There were some days I didn't want to get out of bed but fought from out under the covers. There were a few days I couldn't get out of bed; I laid there in a fetal position with my mind racing, asking, "Why?"

Declined

It was my daughter's birthday and I went to the store to pick up a birthday card. I found one that I liked, plus a pack of M&Ms. I heard the bright words, "That will be $4.22." I swiped my debit card, as I had routinely done so many times before. I was surprised when I saw the word "declined."

"Do you have another form of payment?" came back, with attitude. I gave that no thought and tried another card, but was embarrassed when it was also declined.

I went to the car where I kept my spare change and managed to come up with $1.72. I couldn't buy my daughter a birthday card.

My body began to shake uncontrollably. I quivered as the tears started. I had made six figures, had run businesses that made millions, and managed millions more in assets, and now I didn't have $4.22 to buy my daughter a birthday card? I was a convicted failure of a man who thought he had nothing left.

It was almost an hour before I could get myself together to make the 10-minute drive home. When I walked in the rented house that I was uncertain we could afford much longer, Judy saw in my eyes that I was a mess. We didn't say much. She hugged me. As she held me, I felt the warmth of her hands touch my soul.

I stammered to her about what had just happened at the store. Then I had thoughts of me pushing a shopping cart and my family having to live out of a car. But Judy spoke that wisdom again: "Trust

God. This is bigger than us."

Nine months later, after finishing a Bible study class, I told the people there that it might be my last meeting for a while because I was supposed to report to a prison camp by the end of the week. The saints began to pray and speak words of encouragement that God would work everything out and we'd meet the next week at the same time and place.

Two days later, I was driving to prison to turn myself in. The only experience that compared with it was when my mama would send me outside to get my own switch. I humored myself with those thoughts on the 3 and a half hour drive to the prison. Judy was by my side in the car.

My concern was who would take care of my family while I was gone. I believed that my new attorney would have my appeal heard and have me home within 30 days, instead of following my four-year sentence.

After six weeks, the attorney said it would be at least 12 months before my appeal would be heard. My disappointment and frustration had now turned into anger and bitterness. I was done crying out to God. I just shook my head, asking, "Why?" I was now in a prison surrounded by men who felt the same way I did. Many were cursing God and wanted to hear nothing about Him.

I Heard The Words In My Spirit

As I was passing the prison chapel, I heard these words in my spirit: "What are you willing to sacrifice to change the way another man spends eternity?" I paused for a moment and heard it again: "What are you willing to sacrifice to change the way another man spends eternity?" My heart, which had begun to harden, started softening at that very moment.

The 36 months that I would spend in prison was nothing compared with eternity. Christ gave the perfect example of sacrifice and changed the way we all can spend forever.

I preached my first sermon in prison two weeks later and saw God lead several to accept Christ. I then began ministering to individuals. One man in particular, who was Asian and came to prison a Buddhist, was saved and called home to tell his family to start attending a Christian church. We spent over a year together studying the Word of God. Before he left the prison, he recited the books of the Bible in both English and Mandarin. He's planning to go back to his home country and minister.

Confident And Humble

I experienced the unimaginable, as far as loss and disgrace, in being falsely accused and serving my sentence. I recognized that I was not the first person to endure this and would not be the last. I also realized that I had a woman of influence who was always by my side, reaching out for and holding my hand.

It could be considered a dichotomy that Judy is confident and humble at the same time. However, that's what God does with women of influence; He works in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform.

I had a woman who pushed past her own pain and frustration to petition heaven on my behalf. I had a woman who didn't run or disassociate herself from me because of the shame I had brought upon on her. I had a woman who loved both God and me unconditionally, and not just in word but in action. I had a true woman of influence in Dr. Judith Christie McAllister, who discerned that we must always trust God because things are often bigger than us. She also realized that we must be willing to not take the easy way but only the right one, because the right way may just bring the sacrifice to change how another person will spend eternity. **TWT**

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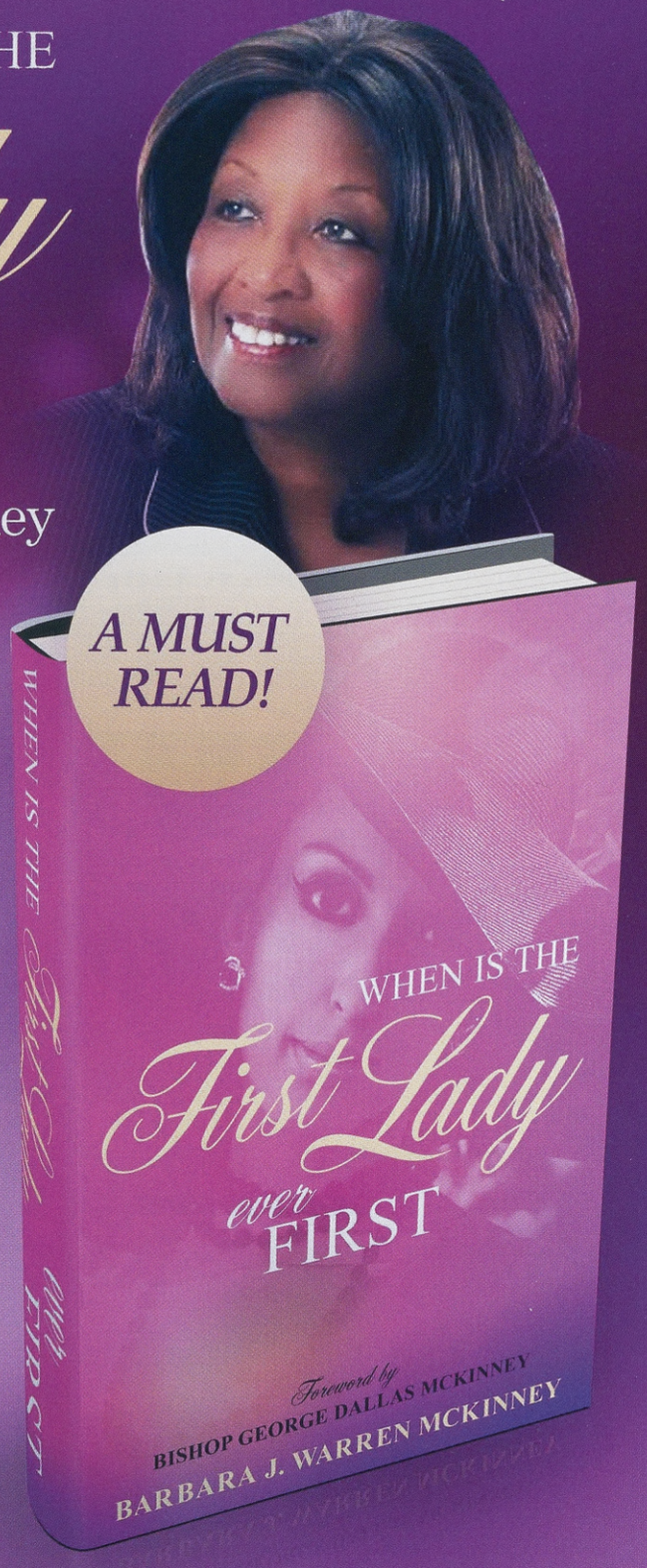

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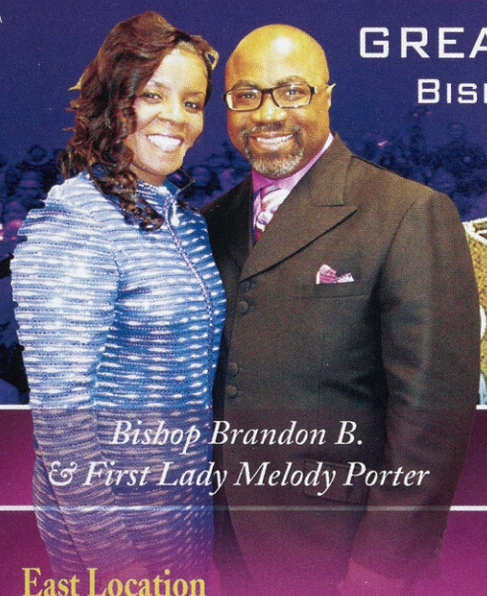

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Highlight of Mother Dorothy Holmes

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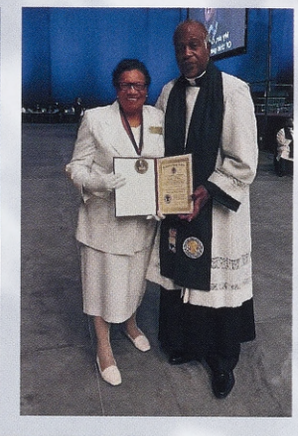

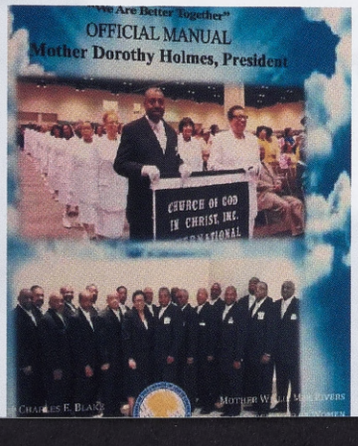

At the tender age of twelve, Mother Dorothy Holmes found her lifelong calling through very practical means. It wasn't glamorous or prestigious, but it served God and the church and brought her great fulfillment. Young Dorothy Holmes became a committed usher. She had no idea that she would spend the next seven decades perfecting, learning and appreciating this gift that eventually led to her promotion as president of the Church of God in Christ International Usher Department.

Her lifelong efforts have not gone unnoticed. Mother Holmes was honored by Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr. and Mother Mae Blake at the 107th annual Holy Convocation. Bishop Blake praised Mother Holmes with the following words: "In recognition of her years of service to Christ as Doorkeeper in the House of God, and president for the International Usher Department, her exemplary conduct as a saintly mother in Zion and leader for many years has brought her to our attention and has caused us to grant her the Presiding Bishop's Medal, in recognition of her ministry and many years."

Let all things be done decently and in order.

Mother Holmes began ushering as a young girl at Mount Herman Missionary Baptist Church in Reidsville, NC. She often attended church with her maternal grandmother. While desiring to work in the church, Mother Holmes came to understand exactly where she belonged. Her grandmother was asked if she would allow her granddaughter to join the Junior Usher Board. It was not a hobby, nor was it just an organization, Mother Holmes later discovered. "I always had a gift for helping," she explained. "I like to teach, but I discovered that ushering was where I fit the most."

A native of Reidsville, North Carolina, Mother Holmes remembers moving to Cleveland, Ohio and later to Chicago, Illinois when she was very young. She has come full circle and is again living in North Carolina in the city of Greensboro. She is a widow who has raised three children, although one is deceased. A graduate of the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, Mother Holmes has degrees in human services and addiction counseling.

As a national usher for the past 42 years, Mother Holmes has served the national ushers department as treasurer, secretary, uniform committee chairperson, administrative assistant, vice president and finally as president.

"In 1973, I first visited the National Convocation," Mother Holmes said. "The person who took me told me to bring my ushering uniform. I was put to work that day and I have been serving with the national ushers ever since," she exclaimed. She has served every Presiding Bishop, beginning with Bishop J.O. Patterson. Mother Holmes says she believes in doing whatever your hands find to do. That explains her hobby of being a seamstress and making handkerchiefs and other items for those in ministry.

The 81 year old mother says she wishes more people understood the calling to usher. "Ushering is a ministry, not just putting on a white dress," she explained. "Ushers must be committed and dedicated. It's not just a job. You must do it Sunday after Sunday."

Although she is now an octogenarian, Mother Holmes shows no signs of retiring. She serves as director of ushers at her local church, Wells Memorial COGIC, where Superintendent Herman G. Platt is pastor. She looks forward to offering a second Recruiting and Learning Institute for her department. "So many ushers have retired, due to sickness, that we desire to implement a program where every usher brings an usher for recruitment purposes," she said.

Mother Holmes believes the ushers must work with all auxiliaries, including greeters. "Greeting is not the same as ushering," she said. While ushers are often the ones who greet members and visitors, their calling is totally different. I trust God in every way," Mother Holmes said. "God has honored my faithfulness."

Mother Holmes says if she could change anything or improve church etiquette, she would work on manners. "I want saints to respect the ushers," she said. "Sometimes they walk all over us. I want them to understand that we are serving God," she said.

In spite of how she and other ushers are treated at times, she is committed to her calling. She sums up her mission through her favorite scripture found in 1 Corinthians 14:40. "Let all things be done decently and in order." **TWT**

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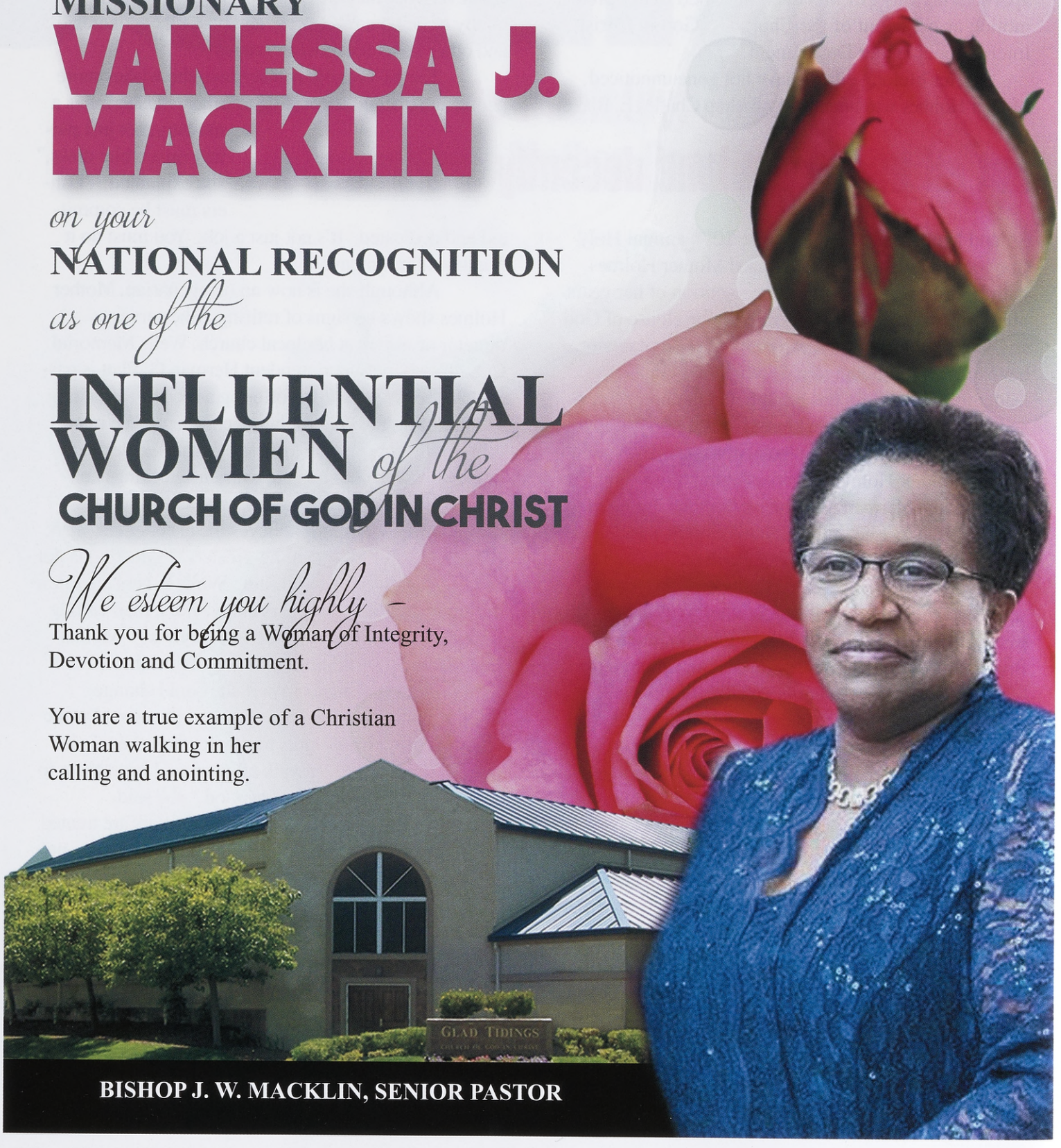

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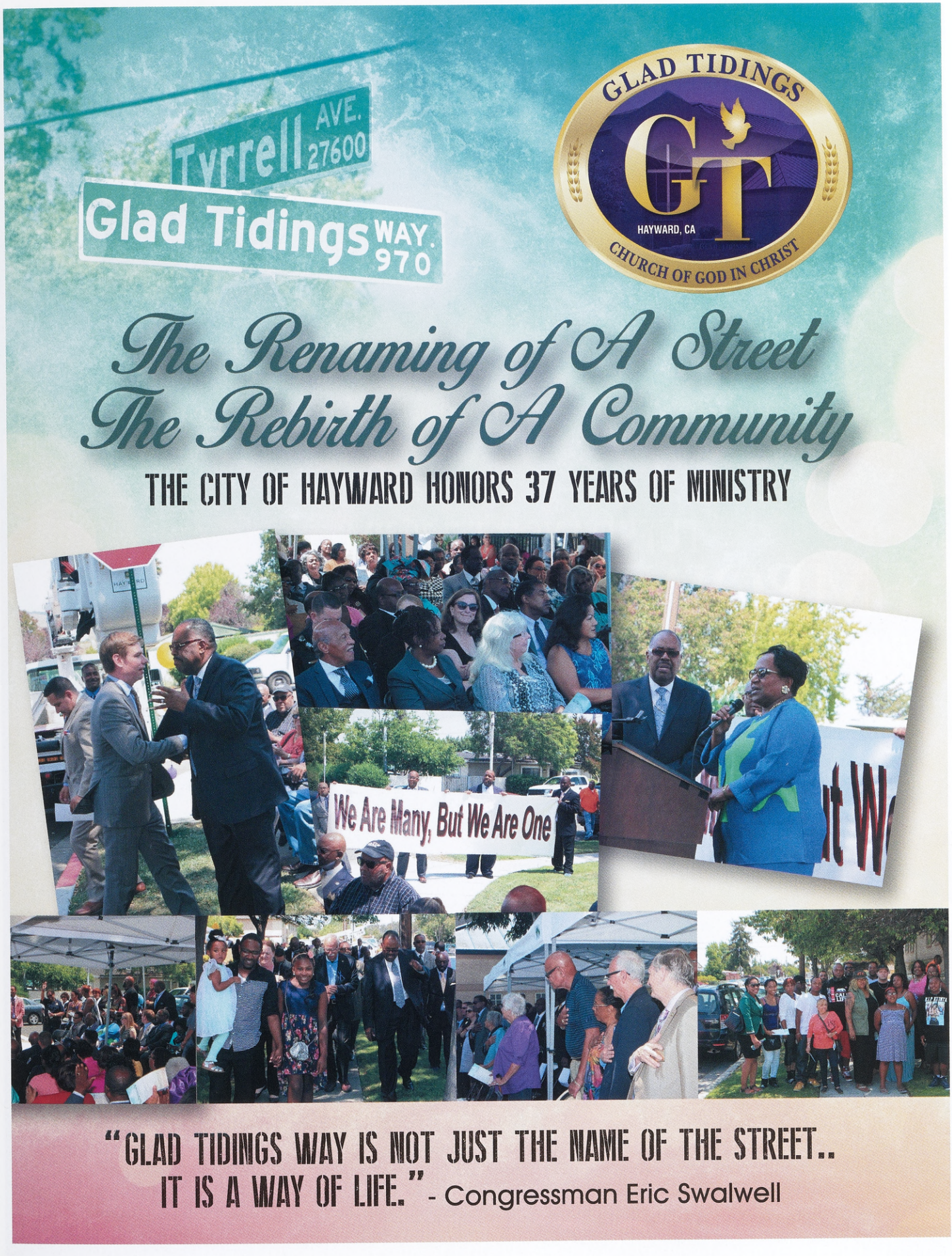
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*W*e love you for many reasons, but your unwavering love of God and care for His people is unparalleled. It is often said that, "love and charity begin at home," and we all cherish the love that you display, and the example of Holiness that you have shown to your family and friends at home.

*T*he recognition that you are receiving today is evidence to the impact that you have made on our lives and the lives of those whom you have served over the years. Your tenacity and steadfastness in representing the Kingdom with the highest standards of integrity is to be celebrated. We honor and salute you on your extraordinary accomplishment, and extend our warmest regards.

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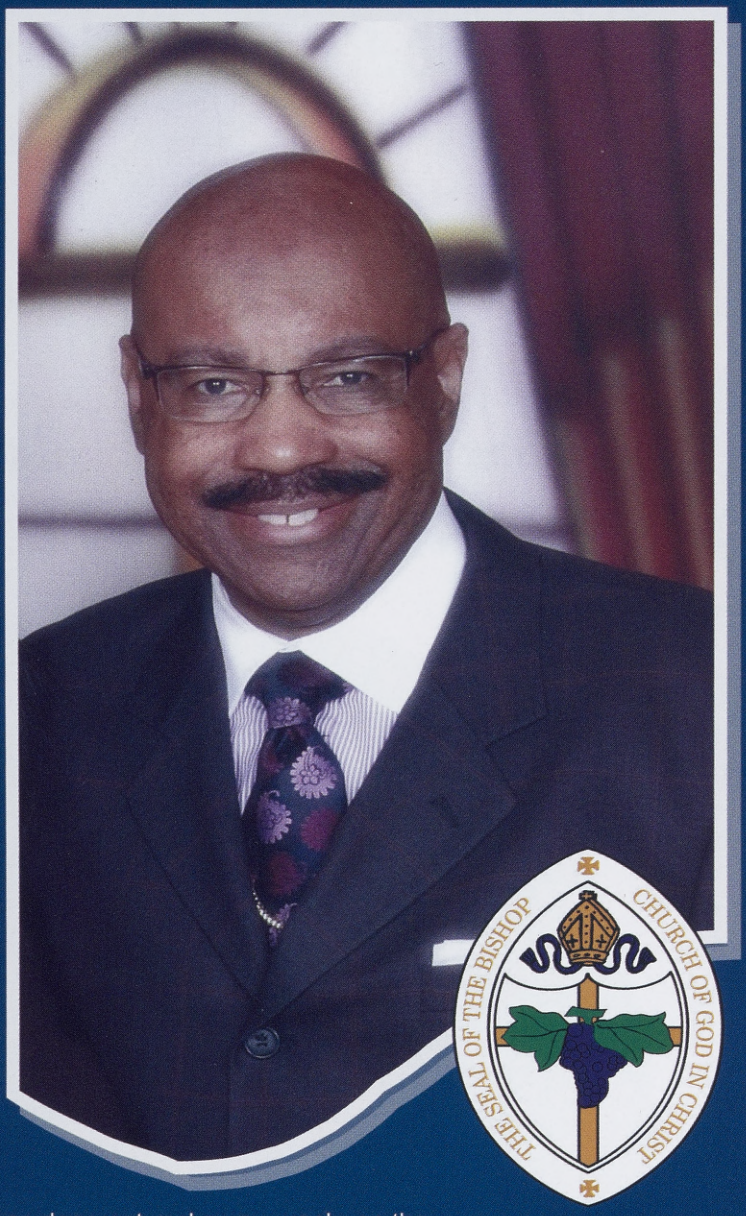

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Effective Leadership Matters

Bishop E. Charles Connor

As with most popular sayings, there is some truth in the adage, "Great leaders are born, not made." To some extent, the capacity for great leadership is innate. However, learning how to be a more effective leader is within everyone's grasp – whether you lead multiple teams, a department, a jurisdiction, a church or just one staff member. God want effective leadership of His Church. So how do we become an effective leader? Perhaps adopting and cultivating the following skills set will be helpful:

1. Leadership Qualities Everyone Can Use

Here are a few of the qualities and traits of great leaders that you can learn and practice:

- **Self-assessment:** Effective leaders periodically take stock of their personal strengths and shortcomings. They ask: "What do I like to do? What am I really good at?" "What are my areas of weakness, and what do I dislike doing?" Knowing your areas of weakness does not make you weak; on the contrary, it allows you to delegate to others who have those abilities, in order to achieve the common goal. Rather than clinging to the false belief that they can do it all, great leaders hire people who complement, rather than supplement, their skills. Working on your areas of weaknesses will improve your leadership ability – and recognizing them makes you more human.
- **Sharp perception:** Do you know how people really perceive you? Effective LEADERS do. They have an easy level of honest communication with their teams and their peers, and a thorough understanding of how they are perceived. Testing others' perception of you can be as simple as observing their behavior. Are your co-workers and team members relaxed around you? Does all conversation stop when you enter the room? If you really want to know what people think, just ask them. You may receive feedback that you're not listening or showing appreciation as well as you could be. If you've established an environment of honest and open communication, you should be able to ask about your good qualities and the areas you need to improve on. Your staff and those you lead will appreciate your effort.
- **Responsive to the group's needs:** Being perceptive can also help a leader be more effective in knowing the needs of the team. Some teams value trust over creativity; others prefer a clear communicator to a great organizer. Building a strong team is easier when you know the values and goals of each individual, as well as what they need from you as their leader.
- **Knowing the organization:** Effective leaders know the organization's overall purpose and goals, and the agreed-upon strategies to achieve these goals; they also know how their team fits into the big picture, and the part they play in helping the organization grow and thrive. Full knowledge of your organization – inside and out – is vital to becoming an effective leader.

2. Learning Negotiation, Team Building, Motivation and Goal Setting Skills

Today's business professionals know that in order to achieve success, they must commit to lifelong learning and skill building. Enrolling in online business courses is one route to improving your leadership skill set, and earning valuable leadership certification.

Business courses that offer leadership certification often include professional instruction in these essential areas:

- **Communication** – Good communication skills are required at every level of business, but leaders must possess outstanding communication skills. Luckily, this is a skill that can be learned.
- **Motivating teams** – Inspiring others is the mark of an effective leader. Motivation is best done by example and guidance, not by issuing commands.
- **Team building** – Putting together strong teams that work well is another trait of great leaders. The opposite is also true: if a team is weak and dysfunctional, it is generally a failure in leadership.
- **Risk taking** – You can learn how to assess risk and run scenarios that will help you make better decisions. Great leaders take the right risks at the right time.
- **Vision and goal setting** – A team depends on its leader to tell them where they are going, why they are going, and how they're going to get there. People are more motivated when a leader articulates his or her vision for a project or for the organization, along with the steps – or goals – needed to achieve it.

Online Business Courses Can Help You Become an Effective Leader

Becoming an effective leader is not a one-time thing. It takes time to learn and practice leadership skills until they become a part of you. Why not approach the leadership process as a lifelong venture? Enrolling in negotiation courses, online business courses and leadership certification courses demonstrates a commitment to upgrading your skills and improving your leadership abilities.

When you practice these leadership skills, you can become more effective at any stage of your career, regardless of the size of your organization. There are opportunities to learn leadership skills all around you; take advantage of them to improve your career and leadership prospects.

3. The Spiritual Scriptural Aspect of Leadership

Great and godly leaders in Scripture had a profound sense of living and serving in the presence of God. Moses, faced with the daunting challenge of leading his immature nation through difficult and unforgiving terrain to a yet unseen Promised Land, implored God, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us?" (Exodus 33:15,16).* "Presence" in this passage is the Hebrew word *panîm,* that literally means "face." This is a picturesque way of depicting God's favor and nearness. Moses' relationship with God was so personal and intimate that Exodus gives us this striking memory, "The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend" (33:11). In fact, Moses' face became radiant from exposure to the divine glory and had to be veiled as he moved among the people (34:29).

New Testament leaders also had a distinct sense of the presence of God. Moses went up Mount Sinai to meet with God; Paul was caught up to paradise for one of his many revelations from the Lord (2 Corinthians 12:1–4). Confident of God's work through his own person, Paul wrote to the Romans that he longed to "impart . . . some spiritual gift" to make them strong (Romans 1:11). In closing this letter, he added, "I know that when I come to you, I will come in the full measure of the blessing of Christ" (15:29). To the Corinthians, he preached "with a demonstration of the Spirit's power" (1 Corinthians 2:4). As an apostle, he was, on the one hand, conscious of being weak, but on the other, aware of Christ's power in him (2 Corinthians 12:9). The aroma of his Damascus Road experience lingered throughout his life and ministry (Acts 9:1–9). Where Paul was present as a gifted and yielded vessel, God was also present and working in a special way. Paul became one of the Bible's most effective leaders and one of the most quoted apostle in the Bible.

Effective Leadership is more than doing the job, it requires godly directions in all we do and with whom we do it with and for. As effective spiritual leaders we must lead by godly examples and remain open to better ideas from others.

"Effective Leadership Matters Because the Saints Matters"

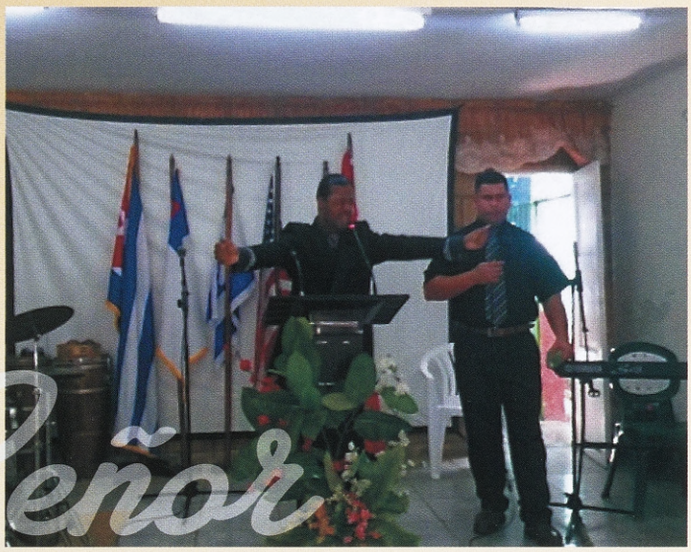
Ask of Me: Ministering in Cuba

By Minister Jonathan Hall

"Ask of Me, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth as your possession"
—Psalms 2:8

"Ask of Me, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth as your possession" (Psalms 2:8).

God, in His awesome providence, has recently fulfilled that very promise in my life. This past April, the Lord blessed me to venture to and minister His Word in a place where many will never go - the nation of Cuba. Unknown to most, Cuba shares in our rich COGIC heritage, with its jurisdiction comprised of 44 churches and 50+ house ministries. In fact, the Church of God in Christ has been established in Cuba for over 70 years.



Upon arriving in Habana, I was welcomed by Supervisor Rosa Garcia and Moses, my good friend and translator for the trip. I toured the eastern part of the country with them as Supervisor Garcia afforded me the opportunity to preach "la Palabra de Dios" (the Word of God) in different settings, ranging from house ministries, to small churches in rural areas, to the old Habana edifice pastored by Bishop José Mesa, Cuba's prelate, to the church that she pastors in the heart of Caimito. Every service I attended was infused with the Lord's anointing. There were no Hammond organs and many times, no drums; only the beautiful sounds of high praise, including the cherished "Yes Lord" or "Si Señor" psalm.

Cubans may not have many of the material things that we enjoy here in the US. What they do have, however, is a genuine love and respect for one another, and a true passion and hunger for God.

I was so blessed to see the great work that transpires there. During the 1960s, Christians suffered great persecution. While other denominations closed their doors and left Cuba, the late Bishop Garcia and the COGIC pioneers in Cuba persistently preached and remained steadfast. After countless years of suffering, today the government holds the Cuba Jurisdiction in the highest regard. In the past year, the Castro family offered several acres of farmland to the jurisdiction that will be used to feed hundreds who would otherwise be unable to eat. This was a momentous gesture of goodwill from the Castro family.

In a communist society where money is difficult to acquire, the church will now be able to earn funds by selling their produce, which will then enable them to invest in their programs and visions of the future. Bishop Mesa and Supervisor Garcia, I found, are practical thinkers. They are not concerned about sowing money into their church buildings to make them lavish; but rather, they are concerned with feeding the hungry and clothing the needy. They are preoccupied with the wellbeing of the souls that they meet.

Visiting and ministering in Cuba has been one of the most fulfilling decisions I have made in my life thus far. I look forward to returning in December for their national convocation. Please keep the COGIC jurisdiction of Cuba in your continual prayers. **TWT**

Jonathan Hall is a 28 year old, fifth generation COGIC minister from Connecticut. He has also done missions work in Brazil and Pakistan. Returning to Cuba in December, he will be installed as the jurisdictional secretary of the Cuba Jurisdiction under the leadership of Bishop José Mesa.

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CONGRATULATES

Dr. Mildred L. Linzy

Congratulations to Dr. Mildred L. Linzy as you achieve another milestone recognition on your journey in life. You are a significant person of influence who continues to be an asset to ministry in and on behalf of the Church of God in Christ. Your humanitarian entrepreneurial spirit has benefited your local church, Kelsey Temple Church of God in Christ in Washington, D. C., District of Columbia Jurisdiction, and Republic of South Korea Jurisdiction Church of God in Christ.

Your professional business and managerial acumen has enhanced operations in the National Church through your involvement in the leadership of the National Board of Trustees for over 26 years as Vice Chairperson; and as special advisor to the National Supervisor of Women's Department and service in other departments of the church such as Sunday School and Mission Departments. You served on several executive committees of the General Assembly and national commissions that have shaped the direction of the Church.

Your family, fellow members of Kelsey Temple, jurisdictional constituency of both District of Columbia and Republic of South Korea applauds this recognition of exemplary service rendered to the Church of God in Christ as one of its "150 Most Influential Women". God bless your unselfish labor and willingness to share your spiritual and professional gifts and abilities for the advancement of the vision and mission of the Church of God in Christ, Inc.

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Congratulations Supervisor Wilma J. Hughey

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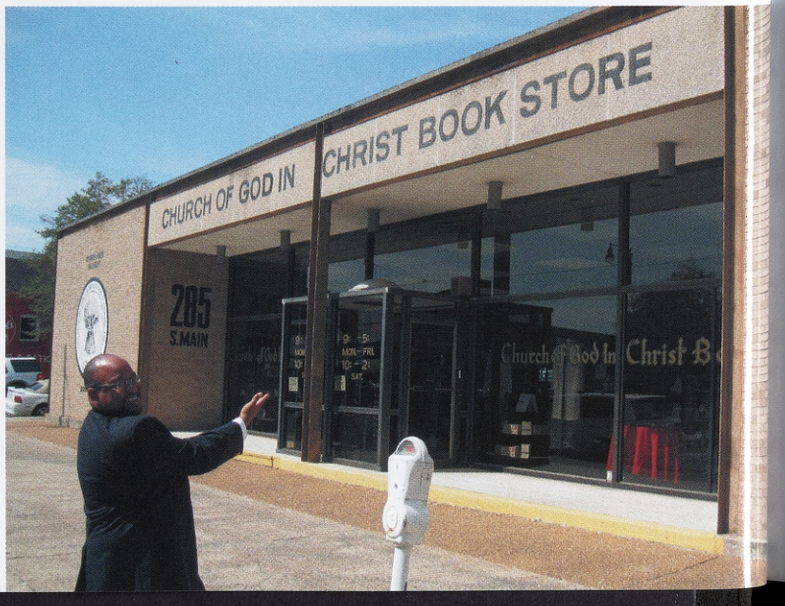
Church *of* God in Christ Bookstore Director Continues Family Legacy

By Leonitta Turner



Following years of civil unrest, the 70s marked a decade of progress and achievement for African-Americans. During this period, Evangelical and Pentecostal churches grew rapidly and the church played a critical part in family influence. Everyone knew what was meant by "it takes a village." Embedded with Christian values at a young age, when the COGIC bookstore held its grand opening in November 1973, 18 year old Sharon Miller did not hesitate when Bishop Patterson called her and told her to go to the bookstore to help her mom.

Sharon grew up in the church but she was not saved. She had other things she wanted to do besides help run a bookstore, yet out of reverence to the man she called pastor, she was obedient. She realizes now that they wanted to keep her close to the saints until she received salvation. Sharon accepted Christ in 1991. Her entire working career has been in the bookstore and today, she cannot imagine what it would be like if she wasn't able to be part of it.

Miller's transition to bookstore director was inevitable. During its infancy, there were times when her mother, who was the previous bookstore director, would go on crusades and Sharon was responsible for keeping the bookstore open. She helped set up the bookstore during what she called "the church's renaissance period." Earning $2.00 per hour, there were some days they did not see any customers and there wasn't enough money for her to get paid. However, it was not about the money. For Sharon, the bookstore represented more than a successful business, it represented ministry.

She has since come to love the job. "I have had my arms around every presiding bishop," she jokes. As bookstore director, she is responsible for procuring the inaugural and sacred robes for COGIC's leadership. Anytime there is a high holy event, they turn to her for assistance. This sacred responsibility was established when her mother, Geraldine Miller, was named COGIC's first National Adjutant Mother in 1976.

When asked the question, "If you were not able to manage the COGIC bookstore, what would you do?" Sharon lit up. She loves mission work. Her love for the mission field started at the bookstore. Says Sharon, "When we get customers who are not COGIC, who don't believe as we believe, it is an opportunity to open dialog. You can touch someone's life with a coffee mug or hand sanitizer with a scripture. I don't want to preach or go from church to church. My passion is for people who are not saved." Her disdain for flying also keeps her close to home.

To support the work, Sharon initiated a mission's basket in the bookstore. Damaged and donated books and materials are placed in the basket to support Home and Foreign Missions. If someone makes a request, Sharon goes out of her way to procure items for them from vendors and publishers.

Because of her commitment to ministry, when the bookstore can't meet the need, Sharon donates items herself. "You have to build relationships. When business is slow, there is still ministry. It is a service. There is sacredness in what we do. "

Sharon fondly recalls her life around the Mason and Patterson families. Early Bible Band lessons by Lelia Mason Byas taught her real ministry, the real meaning of preaching out a church, being frugal and not sweating the small things.

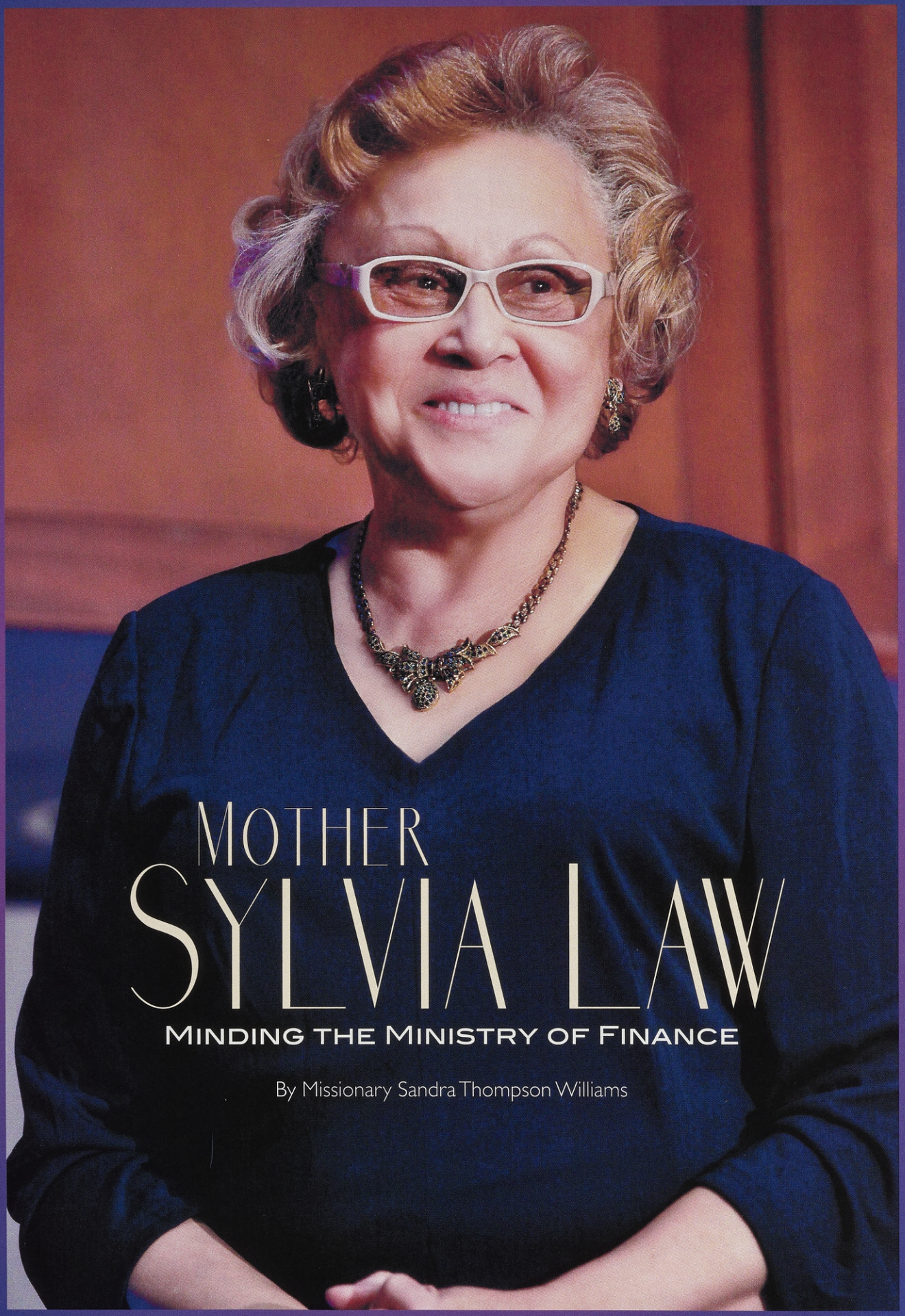
Living by these principles has helped her hold up a standard in the COGIC and stay in business at a time when brick and mortar stores are going out of business. Although it has been difficult to procure items that are an integral part of COGIC, Sharon loves the challenge of meeting the needs of others. She loves connecting people with resources that teach them how to build churches.

"In 2015, we have been promoting a series of

books written by John Rainer. One Sunday, I heard Matthew Brown preach from the 'Autopsy of the Deceased Church' and I commented on his Facebook page. I let him know that the COGIC bookstore could offer the same books that Lifeway does at the same price."

Sharon sees herself as a resource and believes it is her mission to help people be successful, even if they are not part of the COGIC reformation. "We need resources to help people build churches. We must stay aligned with the national church and are thankful that God uses the presiding bishop to give us tools for ministry. I can't imagine doing anything else." **TWT**

Leonitta Turner is a member of Fresh Anointing Ministries COGIC (Summerville, SC).



MOTHER SYLVIA LAW

Minding the Ministry of Finance

By Missionary Sandra Thompson Williams

Describing Mother Sylvia Hamlett Law as a trailblazer would not do her much justice. A trailblazer stays on a path allowing others to follow. Mother Law has blazed multiple trails, lit a candle along the way, and encouraged others to follow in her footsteps. This woman of God has majored in the subject of "Firsts."

Among an impressive list, she was the first woman and African American to serve as director of the Fiscal Services Administration for Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Like the biblical leader Deborah who judged a nation, Mother Law did not allow her gender to deter her from exploring a financial profession that was dominated by men. That tenacity, along with the providence of God, landed her a position as the first female chief financial officer (CFO) of the Church of God in Christ. Additionally, at the end of her tenure as CFO, she ran and won election to the COGIC National Trustee Board, securing the highest number of votes each time she has run for this board. She currently serves as the 2nd vice chair of the Board.

Moving upward and onward, as she always does, Mother Law currently serves as chair of the Scholarship Committee for the annual COGIC Charities *We Care* banquet. She finds this position rewarding because she can extend the benevolent hand of the church to those in need. These positions were not just handed over to Mother Law. At the age of 21, she began working in numerous capacities for COGIC conventions, formerly labeled as UNAC and UNAC 5, but now known as AIM. She started as a volunteer and served faithfully in the Youth Department under Bishop C.D. Owens and Bishop Willie James. Later, Bishop Roy Winbush asked her to serve as the controller for UNAC, and Bishop Jerry Macklin asked her to serve as the controller for UNAC5, as well as the Leadership Conference.

A resident of Maryland, Mother Law is a graduate of the University of Baltimore where she majored in Accounting. She continued her education and received a master's in Business Administration in Accounting from Morgan State University. She earned her doctorate in Business Administration from Califor-

nia Western University. Her chosen field very often caused her isolation from her peers. She was often the only African American woman in her Accounting classes.

Her perseverance paid off in great dividends. Her blessings extended outside of the COGIC walls to the secular field. She was the first African American woman to serve as assistant legislative auditor for the State of Maryland. She has also served as director of Internal Audits and director of Finance for Morgan State University. Her passion for checks and balances also landed her a job as executive director of the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families.

Mother Law finds working for her own church organization a blessing. "It's the best thing I have ever done in my life," she said. "I love my church and what it stands for. To be around bishops, pastors and men of God who practice what they preach makes it an honor and pleasure to serve. I have high esteem for the men of God."

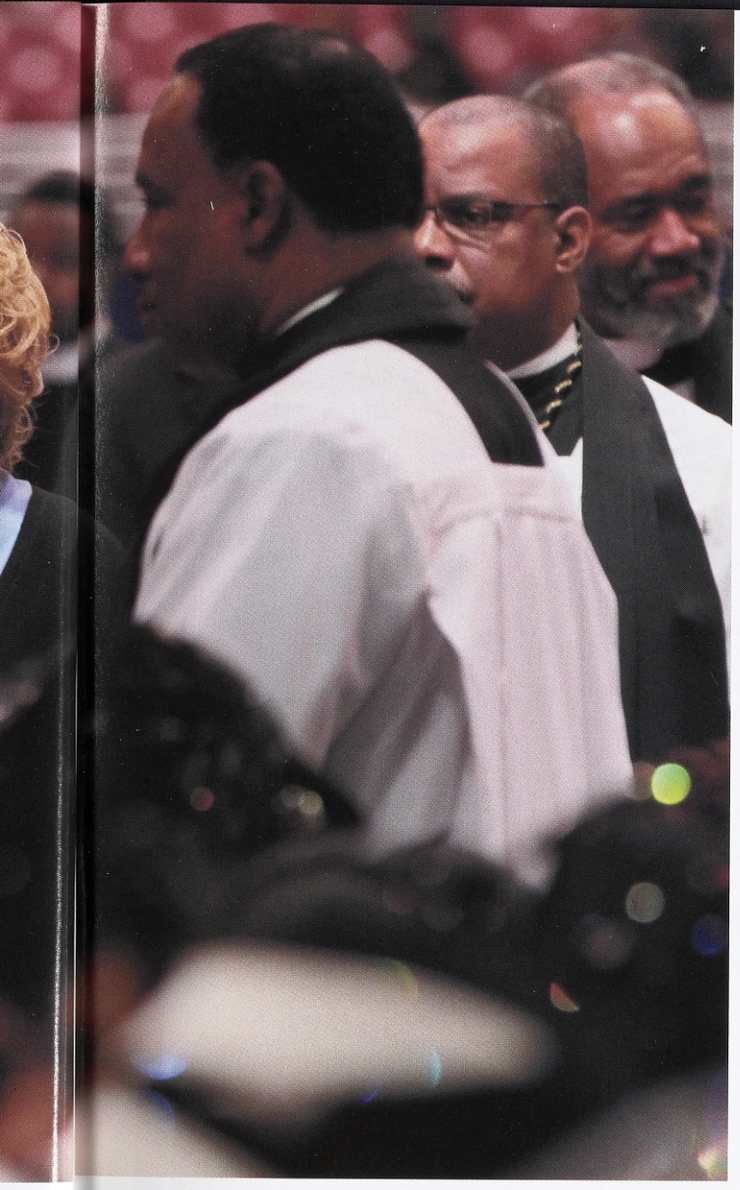
For a number of years, Mother Law has been one of a few females who served on the COGIC Board of Trustees. She was first elected under Bishop G.E. Patterson. Mother Law was instrumental in developing the first COGIC personnel manual, with the leadership charge given to Supervisor Mildred Linzy.

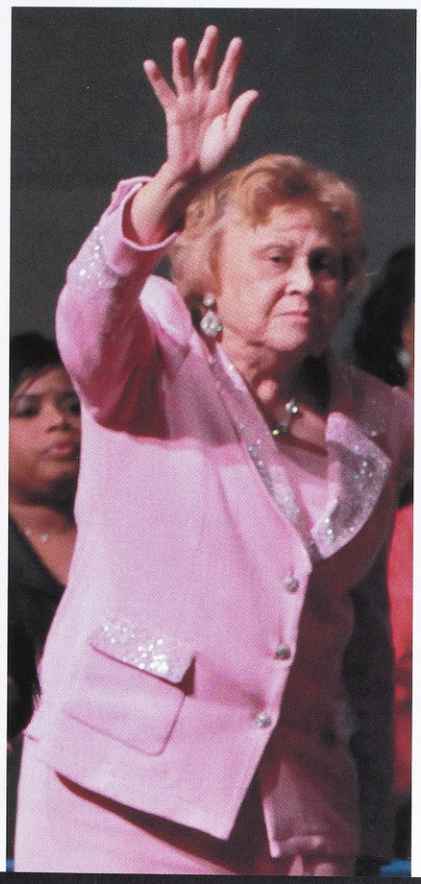
Mother Law's astuteness and gift of organization led her to institute the first formal budgetary process for COGIC's national departments. Today, that process continues to be used. Mother Law says she is grateful that she was allowed to institute a successful financial system for the church. 'I always tried to stay within budget," she said. "We put in safeguards and eventually were able to create a reserve and start investments."

Mother Law says its' important that COGIC members are aware of how funds are spent. "Church funds are for the operation of the church. Our church recently received an independent audit and nothing was found out of place," she happily reported.

Mother Law says she believes more women should not only work in the Women's Department, but also work behind the scenes in the national church. "Women have skills too," she said. "We have knowledge and degrees that qualify us. We are attorneys, accountants and journalists. We can work behind the scenes and contribute and make a difference,"she continued. "I am glad that our church has evolved and now women are recognized who work outside of the Women's Department. I thank God for Mother Willie Mae Rivers who was the first general supervisor to recognize the women who worked outside of her department."

A licensed evangelist missionary, Mother Law is flexible as proven through her service of working under the leadership of seven different governors in the state of Maryland. She has also served five presiding bishops in the national church organization. She leads by example, as evidenced through her

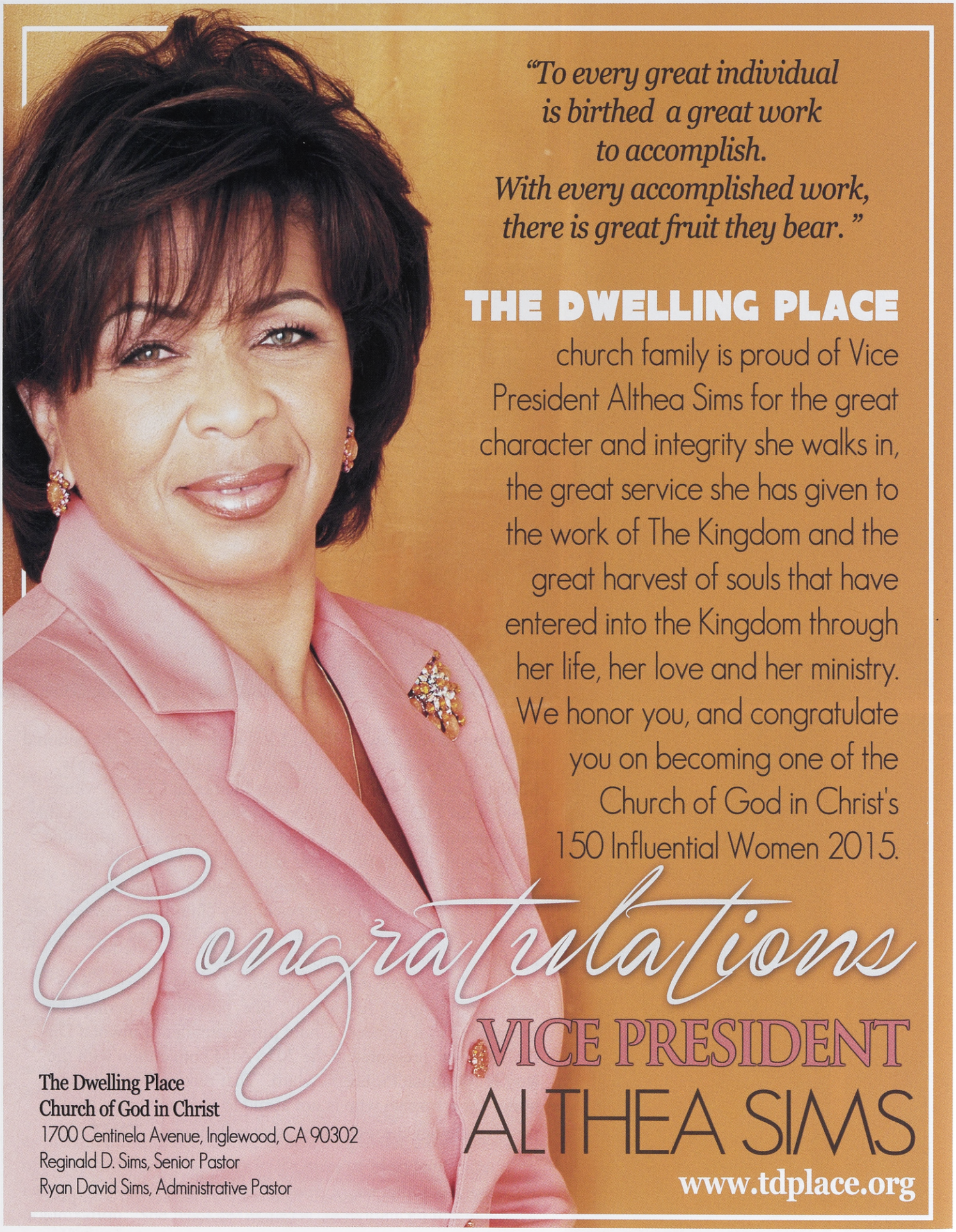




children, Steven Law and Lisa Law, who also serve the national church in Missions and Convention Bookings, respectively. Mother Law is a member of Carter Memorial COGIC where Pastor Carl Pierce, Sr. is pastor. "Mother Law is an impeccable and phenomenal woman of God who is extremely committed on the local, jurisdictional and national level," said Pastor Pierce. "She has withstood changes in administration and remained consistent in her service. My church and ministry are certainly better because of her work. She has been a blessing in my life and ministry," Pastor Pierce said.

Mother Law refers to herself as a frugal person who won't spend money frivolously. She, however, is perhaps best recognized as a pioneer. Under Superintendent Linwood Dillard, she was presented at the 2015 AIM convention with the Roy H. Winbush Pioneers Award. That recognition is a great honor for a woman who is not afraid to lead and bring about positive change through innovative techniques. **TWT**

Sandra Thompson Williams is an author and evangelist missionary at New Mt. Zion COGIC in St. Louis, Missouri. Superintendent Jessie Smith is her pastor and Bishop RJ Ward is her prelate in Eastern Missouri.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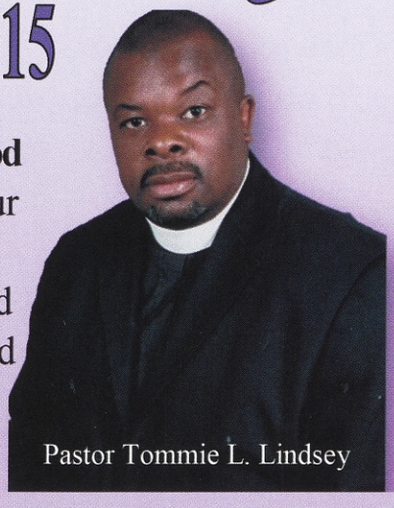
Pastor Tommie L. Lindsey & the **Bailey Chapel Church of God in Christ** , Waller, Texas wishes to Honor and Congratulate our First Lady, Ladye Lindsey on her selection as one of **COGIC's 150 Influential Women.** Nominations were received from across the globe for this award program, and we are honored one of our own was selected. First Lady we love you, and celebrate you on this well deserved honor.



Pastor Tommie L. Lindsey

To Mrs. Lillian Coffey,
President COGIC International Women's Department

Please convey my best regard to the participants in the International Women's Department Of the Church of God in Christ, extend my welcome to the city of Washington - their city - our nation's capital. May your deliberations be successful. Your continued constructive leadership is important and greatly appreciated. You are contributing to the welfare of all Americans.

Cordially,
John F. Kennedy

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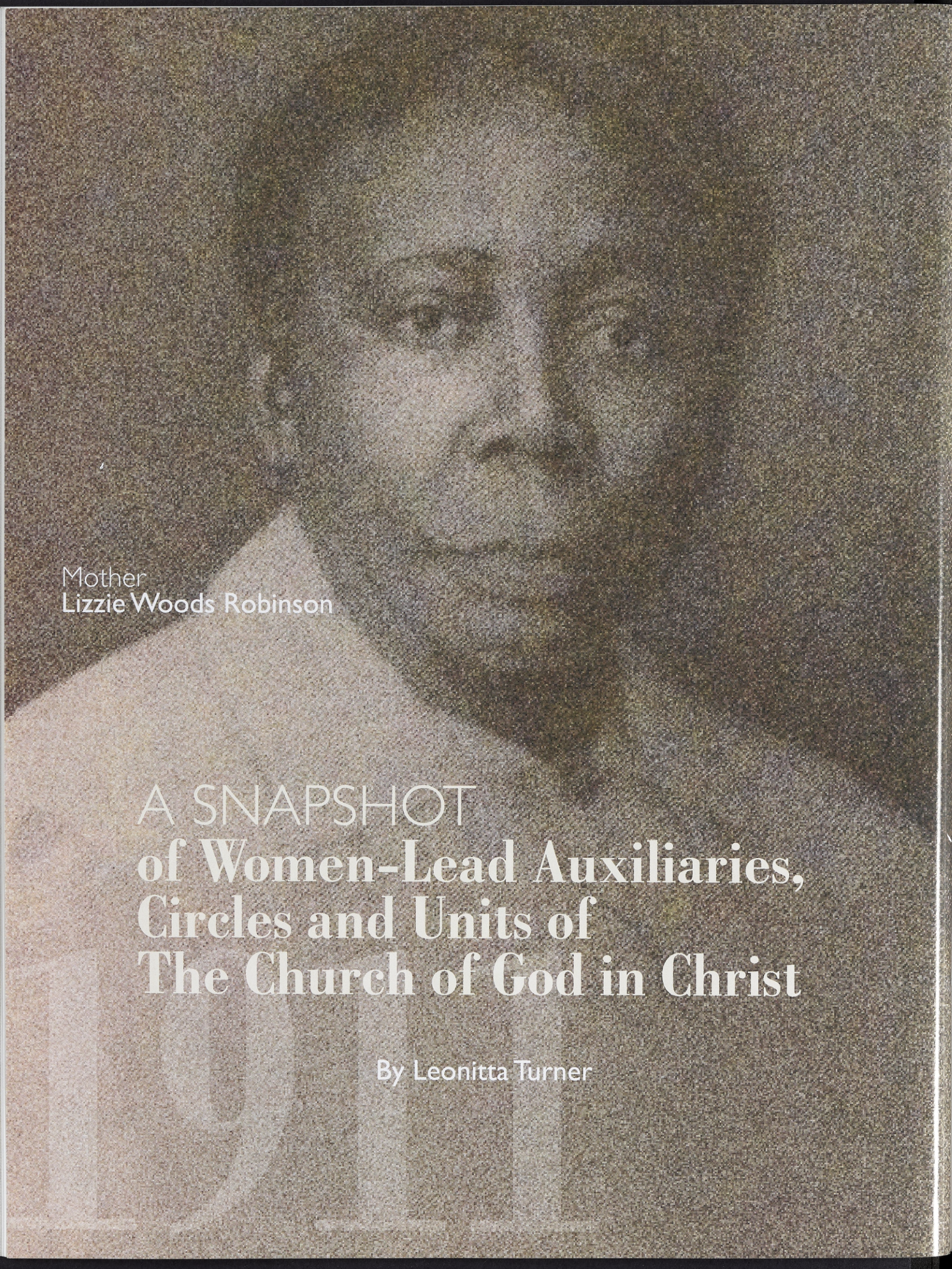

Mother
Lizzie Woods Robinson

A SNAPSHOT of Women-Lead Auxiliaries, Circles and Units of The Church of God in Christ

By Leonitta Turner

On the precipice

of the Women's Rights Movement of the early 19th Century, in 1911 Mother Lizzie Woods Robinson, under the leadership of Bishop Charles H. Mason, was challenged to promote the work of women in the church and to unify and train women how to adeptly perform in traditionally female roles. Her efforts were successful in part, because she sought to be inclusive of women from all walks of life.

Recognizing the importance women played in the ecclesiastical structure of the church, instead of stifling their gifts and potential, she set up an organizational structure to promote spiritual growth, unity, communication, and leadership for all women. Through prayer, Bible study, training, self-development, and formal programs, the Department of Women's Work equipped women to "teach" individuals from all walks of life.

Robinson's efforts lead to the establishment of several auxiliaries which still function as the bedrock, hands and feet of the Women's Department: Prayer and Bible Band, Sewing Circle, Sunshine Band, Purity Class, and Home and Foreign Missions. The name of the Sewing Circle has since changed to Sewing Circle/ Artistic Fingers.

The Women's Department also includes many circles and units designed to address issues pertinent to women today. The Official Handbook for the Department of Women lists the Young Women's Christian Council as a unit, even though the Church of God in Christ (COGIC) Charter of 1972 established the Young Women's Christian Council (YWCC) as an auxiliary. Although this may seem contradictory, the Charter also empowers the national supervisor to supervise "any other auxiliary, national, state, or local, that the national supervisor and/or General Board shall deem necessary for the operation of the women's work."

Critical to the organizational structure of the Women's Department, Lillian Brooks Coffey expanded on Mother Robinson's legacy by organizing many of the circles and units that exist today. If auxiliaries are the hands and feet, then the circles are the heart and soul. Circles were established to meet the needs of women whose ministries directly correlate to the calling of their spouses. In 2015, the most active circles include the wives of national officers, bishops, superintendents, pastors, elders & ministers, and deacons.

Units are designed to address the changing needs of the church and to support the activities surrounding the International Women's Convention; therefore, they are more apt to fluctuate than auxiliaries and circles. The newest units, "Overcomers" and "49 & Under" were established by our current national supervisor, Mother Willie Mae Rivers. Additional information regarding the entire structure of the Women's Department can be found in the Official Women's Handbook.

If auxiliaries are the hands and feet, then the circles are the heart and soul.

With each new leader and each new generation, change is inevitable. Rooted in the Word of God, many congregations, missions, and schools have been birthed and continue to be birthed through the Women's Department. From Coffey to Rivers, the largest department in the Church of God in Christ continues to transcend and develop to ensure the legacy, which started more than 100 years ago, lives on. **TWT**

Leonitta Turner is a member of Fresh Anointing Ministries Worship Center COGIC (Summerville, SC).

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FIRST LADY MAE LAWRENCE BLAKE

International First Lady of the Church of God in Christ
(Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr., Presiding Bishop)

A gracious manner, coupled with an impeccable elegance, only begins to describe the lovely Lady Mae L. Blake. One of God's specially designed masterpieces, Lady Mae Lawrence Blake is the loving wife of Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr., pastor of the West Angeles Church of God In Christ, and presiding bishop of the 6.5 million member, international Church of God In Christ. She is the daughter of the late Bishop Elton and Mother Myrtle Lawrence and has one brother, Bishop Welton Lawrence of Detroit, MI. She is also the proud mother of three children: Kimberly, Charles II, and Lawrence, and a devoted grandmother of 8.

Lady Mae, as she is affectionately known, spent all of her childhood and teenage years in Detroit, MI. She received a Bachelor of Science in Education from Wayne State University, with graduate studies done at the University of Michigan, and the United States International University in San Diego, CA.

By profession, Lady Mae is an educator. As such, she was highly involved in the establishment and operation of the West Angeles Christian Academy, where she diligently served as a teacher, curriculum consultant, assistant principal and principal.

Today, Lady Mae lends much of her time to the West Angeles Church of God In Christ ministry, where she heads the Women Affairs Organization, coordinating relevant programs and various functions for the women of the church. Her leadership ability is both dynamic and superb. She is well received among women of all ages because of her genuine love and concern for each of them.

Lady Mae has been recognized as one of the "Ten Most Outstanding Women" in Los Angeles, CA. She is also widely recognized for her skills as an interior designer, as demonstrated by the beautiful and elegant facilities of the West Angeles Church and the West Angeles Cathedral. She personally handled all aspects of the beautification of both facilities.

Although Lady Mae insists that public speaking is not her forte, she mesmerizes her listeners each time she speaks, captivating and holding the attention of audiences from the moment she is presented until her very last word. Lady Mae does not take sharing with the people of God nonchalantly. She earnestly seeks God for His leading and listens to Him as He reveals to her what He would have her to teach His people. She has the amazing and anointed gift of applying and relating the Scriptures to everyday living and life's situations.

Lady Mae is of invaluable assistance to the ministry of her husband, as she has fully committed her life to the Lord. While remaining God-fearing and God-loving, she continuously uses her life to represent Him well, honoring and giving God the highest praise in all that she is blessed to do. It is evident that Lady Mae Lawrence Blake is an extraordinary woman of God – one of His finest masterpieces.

FIRST LADY DORIS BROOKS

(First Assistant Presiding Bishop Phillip Aquilla Brooks II)

Madame Doris Brooks is the wife of the 1st Assistant Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ, Bishop P.A. Brooks II. She is the first lady of Michigan's Historic First Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ, Northeast, and the first lady of the New St. Paul Tabernacle COGIC, which she co-founded over 60 years ago.

Madame Brooks was born in Detroit, Michigan. Her formal education was in the Detroit Public School System. She was reared at the Mack Avenue Church of God in Christ under the leadership of the late Bishop I.W. Winans. She has been taught in the ways of "holiness" from her youth, of which she is the image and fragrance to this day. She is also the beloved mother of two children, television personality, psalmist, author, and educator, Evangelist Faithe S. Brooks (jurisdictional assistant supervisor, N.E. Michigan Jurisdiction); and renowned recording artist, minister of music & media director, Minister Phillip A. Brooks III. Madame Brooks has three loving grandchildren who are the apple of her eye - Candis, Catrina and Phillip IV.

Madame Brooks established the Women's Department at New St. Paul Tabernacle Church and developed the Women's Ministry. She is a paragon of quiet strength and holiness; someone to be imitated, as she is a woman of wisdom. Within the local church, she has orchestrated several programs that enhance the Christian development of young women, such as "God's Female Choice," a rites of passage program for young women growing into womanhood. This program is paralleled to that of the Jewish Bat Mitzvah confirmation tradition. She has a heart for families, marriages, single parents, and little boys and girls, as demonstrated by her labor of love through giving of herself and making resources available to those in need, such as providing groceries, clothing, rent assistance and toys.

She has served on the Detroit Chapter of the Charles Harrison Mason Scholarship Foundation and the Deborah Mason Patterson Scholarship Foundation. She is the president of the Clergy Wives for Northeast Michigan Jurisdiction and the marshall for Northeast Michigan Department of Women.

Kind, compassionate, caring, loving and wise with a sense of humor captures Madame Brooks' essence. Madame Doris Brooks, a pacesetter, pioneer, general, guide and role model to women from all walks of life, who will continue to touch the lives of many as she serves loyally by her husband's side in the Church of God in Christ.

FIRST LADY VANESSA MACKLIN

(Second Assistant Presiding Bishop Jerry Wayne Macklin)

Vanessa Macklin, a native of Portland, Oregon, was a special gift from God to her spiritually devout parents, the late Superintendent Booker T. and Mother Theda Wells, pastoral leaders of Mount Zion Church of God in Christ. Her early nurturing spiritual environment made a deep impact upon Lady Vanessa. This resulted in her participation in vital ministries within her local church. A confluence of factors impacted her choice to pursue her primary academic education at Saints Academy and Saints Jr. College during the tenure of the late Dr. Arenia C. Mallory, the premiere educator of COGIC and protégé of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune. Lady Vanessa's quest for life and deep sensitivity led to the discovery of her life partner, Jerry Wayne Macklin. Their partnership resulted in the founding of Glad Tidings COGIC during the late seventies in the city of Hayward, California.

Lady Vanessa's commitment to parenting was reinforced by the birth and development of five (5) spiritually devoted children, Mataya, Mallory, Jerwayne, Jessica and Aaron. With gratitude and joy she reflects and speaks of her sons-in-law, Will Robinson and Aaron Mayfield; her daughters-in- law, Erica and Krystal, and seven (7) incredible grandchildren. Her family, in spite of varied challenges that life brings, is a testimony to the promises and faithfulness of God.

Lady Macklin's commitment is manifested in her involvement through community outreach programs such as Black Adoption and co-chair for Alameda County Faith Advisory Counsel. As program counselor, she was instrumental in launching the Institute for Success, a Welfare-to-Work Initiative. She also served as the founder and director of the Glad Tidings Pre-School.

With her own unique style, charismatic approach, and powerful anointing, Missionary Vanessa Macklin has emerged as a profound proclaimer of the message of holiness in our troubled world. A much sought after speaker and conference facilitator, Lady Macklin continues to serve as the director of Virtuous Praise, a Glad Tiding's Women's Ministry. Her annual conference has attracted thousands of women from all walks of life. The women receive support, encouragement, and strength for life crises, struggles, and dreams. Lady Macklin is not only a co-partner in ministry, but also the first lady of the NorCal Metropolitan Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction with her husband of 41 years, Bishop Jerry W. Macklin, 2nd assistant presiding bishop of the Church of God in Christ.

FIRST LADY MAE C. WINBUSH

(Bishop Roy L.H. Winbush, General Board Secretary)

Evangelist Mae C. Winbush is a woman of wisdom and experience. Since 1959, Evangelist Winbush has been traveling the country and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ as a missionary in the Church of God in Christ. Being the "help meet" that she is, Evangelist Winbush has been instrumental in helping her husband and pastor, General Board member and prelate of the First Jurisdiction of Louisiana, Bishop Roy L.H. Winbush, build four churches.

Superior organizational and leadership skills exude from the very fiber of her being, so it comes as no surprise that Evangelist Winbush has excelled in education as well. Evangelist Winbush holds multiple degrees, including a Doctorate of Ministry, Master of Divinity, Master of Administration and Supervision and a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education.

Evangelist Winbush is the founder, organizer and principal of the Gethsemane Christian Academy in Lafayette, LA, which serves kindergarten through 8th grade students. She is also the founder of LaPetite Early Childhood Center, a development center for newborn children through four years of age. Notably, Evangelist Winbush is also a contributing writer of Christian educational literature for the Church of God in Christ Publishing House.

As first lady of Gethsemane Church of God in Christ, Evangelist Winbush also serves as president of its Women's Department. In addition, she is first lady of Emmanuel Church of God in Christ in Opelousas, LA. As a further commitment to the work of the ministry and the edifying of the body of Christ, Evangelist Winbush continues to avail herself in various capacities, both regionally and nationally, within the Church of God in Christ.

Evangelist Mae Carter Winbush: devoted wife, proud mother of two beautiful daughters and loving grandmother of five.

FIRST LADY BARBARA J. WARREN MCKINNEY

(Bishop George Dallas McKinney, General Board Member)

Lady Barbara J. Warren McKinney, affectionately called "BJ," is First Lady of St. Stephen's Cathedral Church of God in Christ in San Diego, CA under the leadership of her husband and pastor, General Board member and prelate of the Southern California Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, Bishop George Dallas McKinney. Lady McKinney is also president of the Department of Women at St. Stephen's.

A pillar of education, Lady McKinney has earned numerous degrees, including a Bachelor of Science in Sociology and Psychology from Kansas State University, Master of Science in Public Administration from the University of Missouri, and a Juris Doctor from the prestigious Notre Dame Law School at Notre Dame University. She practiced law for 33 years in Dallas, Texas and was a Municipal Court Judge for the City of Waxahachie, Texas.

Lady McKinney is the first woman to be elected to the Judiciary Board of the Church of God in Christ, Inc., which is the supreme judicial body of the national church. Presently, she serves as associate counsel for the Church of God in Christ, assigned to the International Women's Department. Gifted beyond measure, Lady McKinney is a well-versed and articulate motivational speaker and author of the intriguing and fictitious novel entitled, "When is the First Lady Ever First."

The blessed and beautifully blended family she and Bishop McKinney have created now consists of 6 sons and 15 grandchildren.

FIRST LADY MARYANN HOUSTON WELLS

(Bishop Nathaniel Wyoming Wells, General Board Member)

Being the wife of a bishop and General Board member is no easy feat. She must always carry herself in a way that is both pleasing to God and to her husband. With grace and ease, Elect Lady Maryann Houston Wells does exactly that. Maryann Houston Wells was born on February 22, 1944 to Luther and Jeanette Houston. While Elect Lady Wells was in her late teens, she married Nathaniel Wells, Jr., who would later become senior pastor of Holy Trinity International Church of God in Christ in Muskegon, Michigan. To this marriage of 53 years they have added six children, as well as twelve grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Elect Lady Wells is one who holds her own, who supports her husband but also brings her own talents and gifts to the table. When her husband had his first business, Sister Wells served as the secretary and administrator to that leading insurance agency in the Indianapolis region. Also, Sister Wells taught at Bard Elementary School located in Benton Township. While there, she worked with special needs children. In addition, she always served as a great mother to her own children. In the church world, Elect Lady Wells has been instrumental in various church ministries, particularly those that feature women. For example, she serves as the chairperson for Women's Day and is also the founder and president of the Women's Choir.

All of these details clearly show why Elect Lady Wells is a wonderful woman, but that is not all. She recently received her Associate's degree from the Trinity Midwest College of Theology, and she has plans to obtain her Bachelor's degree as well. Elect Lady Wells is also a strong presence in the community. A senior development complex located in downtown Muskegon Heights has been named M.A. Houston Towers because of her great influence. Elect Lady Wells is a perfect example of one who serves with kindness, understanding, and love.

FIRST LADY JULIET WHITE

(Bishop Frank O. White, Asst. Secretary to the General Board)

No small feat, Dr. Juliet White veraciously earned a duo PhD in Elementary Education and Theology the old fashioned way. Dr. White currently serves as the director of Education at her home church, Zion Cathedral Church of God in Christ, and as president of the Mason-Kelly-Washington Religious Training Institute under the leadership of her husband and pastor, General Board member and prelate of the Third Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Eastern New York, Bishop Frank O. White.

The duality of her calling as a "chosen vessel" of intercessory prayer and an anointed and gifted teacher has been a blessing to the masses. A well-rounded servant, Dr. White is also the national assistant marshal of the International Department Of Women of the Church of God in Christ and a published author, penning such articles as "The Role of Bishops', Pastors' and Ministers' Wives" and "Women's Work."

Active as her schedule may be, Dr. White always makes time to consistently reach and educate children, which is her first love. Under her auspicious leadership, Zion Cathedral's after school tutorial program continues to flourish and has been distinguished in the community as a success. During the summer, hundreds of children participate in Vacation Bible School every year to experience new and exciting adventures in the Word of God and Language Arts, as well as the physical challenges of horseback riding and swimming - all overseen by Dr. White.

At the end of the day, Dr. White is simply a joyful and loving wife of 52 years, a proud mother of five accomplished children, and boastful grandmother of five.

FIRST LADY KAREN CLARK SHEARD

(Bishop J. Drew Sheard, General Board Member)

Any fan of gospel music needs no introduction to the one and only Karen Clark Sheard. Just check out her close to one million followers on Facebook. Mrs. Karen Clark Sheard is the First Lady of Greater Emmanuel Institutional Church of God in Christ, where her husband and pastor is Bishop John Drew Sheard. Though this is an honor she carries well, she also holds her own as a four-time Grammy Award winning gospel artist. She has also been praised by both non-secular and secular artists alike for her incomparable vocal skills. None of this should come as any surprise, since First Lady Sheard comes from a highly musical family. She was born on November 15, 1960 to Pastor Elbert Clark and Dr. Mattie Moss Clark, a pioneer in the gospel music industry. First Lady Sheard is also a part of The Clark Sisters, in which she sings with her extremely talented and anointed siblings. Not only that, but First Lady Sheard and Bishop J. Drew Sheard are the parents of their musically successful children, Kierra and John Drew Sheard II. The whole family is truly gifted, which is probably why they were chosen to have a reality show on *BET* called *The Sheards*.

In addition to being a song bird, First Lady Sheard is also a dynamite evangelist who is not afraid to share the Word of God. She has spoken in various venues, using her spiritual boldness to witness and minister to people everywhere. While ministering, she often gives her testimony about the 2001 mishap that occurred during surgery and almost took her life. Evangelist Sheard often gives glory to God for saving her life, and she praises Him every chance she gets. Though she is a beautiful woman on the outside, her beauty on the inside is even more apparent. She has also held the KCS Ladies Empowerment Summit in 2014 and again in 2015. Most recently, Evangelist Sheard released her CD, *Destined to Win*. It seems the title of her CD is prophetic, because Evangelist Sheard is surely soaring to new heights and declaring victory over everything the devil tried to do to block her blessings. To God be the glory for all He has done!

FIRST LADY MELODY PORTER

(Bishop Brandon B. Porter, General Board Member)

They say the oldest child usually has natural born leadership abilities, and that is certainly true in this case. First Lady Melody Porter is the oldest child of six siblings who were born to Deacon and Mrs. Roy Harris. She is married to Bishop Brandon B. Porter, pastor of Greater Community Temple Church of God in Christ in Memphis, Tennessee. Together, they have two beautiful boys and are raising them with the knowledge and fear of the Lord.

Personally, First Lady Porter has had a wealth of education. In her earlier years, she graduated from Northside High School. Later, she attended Memphis State University as well as Union University, both of which are located in Tennessee. Lastly, she graduated from Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. Because she is a registered nurse, she has a great deal of compassion and love for the people she serves. Anyone who has ever been sick in the hospital knows that having a great nurse makes a world of difference.

Spiritually, First Lady Porter has worn several hats, including being of service in both her church and her community. Currently, she serves as the president of the Women's Department of her church. Under that department are several auxiliaries of which she oversees. Any leader requires certain characteristics to be able to work with people, especially those who are in the church. Some of the characteristics First Lady Porter displays are humility, service, love, and kindness. Her calm and pleasant demeanor further enables her to be a first lady who is reachable and accessible. When she speaks, people listen because there is wisdom in what she has to say. Because of her beautiful spirit, First Lady Porter is a blessing to her family, to her church, and to all.

FIRST LADY CHARLETTA THOMAS

(Bishop Ted G. Thomas, Sr., General Board Member)

Every great man needs a great woman to stand next to him and support him. In this case, the great woman standing next to Bishop Ted Thomas, Sr. is Mother Charletta Thomas. Charletta Thomas is the oldest daughter who was born to Superintendent Junius L. Clifton and Mother Virginia Clifton. Her extended family members have served consistently in the Church of God in Christ, so it is no surprise that Mother Thomas ended up doing the same. In 1957, Charletta Thomas married Bishop Ted Thomas, Sr. To that union, they added six sons. Mother Thomas, alongside her husband, raised their children with the fear of God and trained them up in the way they should go. By doing so, their children have grown up to be successful in a variety of avenues.

Mother Charletta Thomas has shared her gifts in many ways. Before retiring in 1995, Mother Charletta Thomas was involved in the educational and social work fields. She worked for 29 faithful years as a Business Education teacher for the Chesapeake City Schools. In addition, Mother Charletta Thomas was a social worker with the Department of Human Services in the city of Norfolk. Based on her work experience, Mother Thomas truly has a love for people.

Because her husband is pastor over both New Community and St. Stephens Churches of God in Christ, Mother Thomas has her hands full. She is always busy working for the Lord. Over the years, she has served in various capacities. Mother Thomas speaks at several conferences and services, and she even leads workshops. She has been the executive secretary of the State Women's Department. Also, she is the president of the State Pastors, Elders, Ministers, and Deacons Wives. Her educational background aided her in being a writer for the Junior High School Quarterly. Additionally, she has also taught classes for the C.H. Mason Bible School and also serves as a member of the Board of Directors. Amazingly, the Lord has delivered Mother Thomas, a faithful noon-day prayer leader, from death's door five different times. Mother Thomas can testify that God is a healer and He is worthy to be praised!

FIRST LADY SHIRLEY WOOTEN

(Bishop Lawrence M. Wooten, Sr., General Board Member)

First Lady Shirley Wooten is a woman worthy of many accolades. Though she is married to General Board member, Bishop Lawrence M. Wooten, she has also achieved great success herself. Shirley Wooten was born in Boykins, Virginia to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Adkins. She pursued higher education and received her undergraduate degree in English/Secondary Education from Virginia University. Furthermore, she worked toward a master's degree in Public Relations Communication from Syracuse University, as well as receiving an honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Malachi Bible College. Not only that, but she also made great strides with her career. Lady Wooten was the first African American female to hold the position of sales training specialist with Carrier Air Conditioning Company. Because of her various career achievements, she was featured in *Ebony* and *Black Enterprise* magazines. Her work with several Fortune 500 companies also helped her found her own small business, King's Choice Barbeque Restaurant.

Even before Shirley Wooten married Bishop Lawrence M. Wooten, pastor of Williams Temple COGIC, she had already been heavily involved in ministry. Though not saved when she first arrived at Williams Temple in 1979, God changed her life and prepared her for her future life as a first lady. She received her evangelist missionary license, founded several ministries, such as the Nursing Home Ministry and the Juvenile Detention Ministry, and wrote various books and literature. Since marrying Bishop Wooten (then Pastor Wooten) in 1994, she has continued to do amazing work for the Lord. She has held dozens of positions, including but not limited to, president of the Williams Temple Women's Department, public relations director for the Eastern Missouri/Western Illinois Jurisdiction, and member of the COGIC's International Department of Evangelism Advisory Board. She has also been coordinator of COGIC's Christmas in November since 2010, a ministry instrumental in souls being saved and delivered.

First Lady Wooten is an international evangelist who, along with her husband, takes care of 32 Ugandan orphans, their four children, and their two adopted daughters from Uganda. In support of the Ugandan mission, she formed a business called Abide in the Vines; Crowns of Glory, to design, create and sell custom headpieces and corsages. In the community, Lady Wooten serves on the Board of Directors for the Annie Malone Children and Family Service Center, in St. Louis, Missouri. Lady Wooten is a woman who truly cares for her family, church, and community, and she leaves everything on the line for the body of Christ.

COGIC's 150 INFLUENTIAL Women 2015

Women's Department Leaders & Wives of Elected Officials

of the Church of God in Christ

Biographies for Mother Rivers and Dr. McCoo Lewis

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MOTHER WILLIE MAE RIVERS

General Supervisor of Women

One of the most recognizable faces in the Church of God in Christ is that of Mother Willie Mae Rivers, general supervisor of women. If anyone ever attends a national convention, that person is sure to see Mother Rivers powerfully ministering to the crowd under the anointing. Indeed, ever since she was born to Robert and Anna Mitchell Smalls, Mother Rivers has been set apart for a higher calling.

Even as a young child, she was eager to serve the Lord. Though Mother Rivers is a faithful pillar in the Church of God in Christ, her roots first started in the AME church where she attended Sunday School. For her education, she went through the Berkeley and Charleston County School Systems. On June 26, 1941, she married David Rivers and remained married until he passed away on May 15, 1997. From this union, she had twelve wonderful children.

It was not long until Mother Rivers began her journey and elevation in the Church of God in Christ. Once she became a member of Calvary Church of God in Christ, she was appointed as church mother at the very young age of 20. Among her numerous national titles, Mother Rivers has served as an international marshal, a chairperson over various committees and boards, and as the Third, Second, and First Assistant General Supervisor, respectively. In April 1997, Mother Rivers was appointed as the COGIC International General Supervisor of Women.

Mother Rivers is a highly influential woman. She has been featured in *Charisma* magazine, as well as *The Whole Truth* magazine. She also has appeared on the 700 Club and Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN). Mother Rivers has a radio ministry called "Evangelist Speaks," through which she is able to spread the gospel. Also, she is the founder and president of Community Christian Women & Men Fellowship. This ministry provides spiritual enrichment and aid to those in need. The list of Mother Rivers' positive influences could go on and on. Whether providing an encouraging word, lending a helping hand, leading the people, or standing flat-footed in the Gospel, Mother Rivers does it all. The Church of God in Christ is blessed beyond measure to have such a strong foundation in the person of Mother Willie Mae Rivers.

DR. BARBARA MCCOO LEWIS

Assistant General Supervisor of Women

If there is one word to describe Dr. Barbara McCoo Lewis, it is simply "powerhouse." Ever since she was a child, Mother Lewis has served in the church and put her hands to work. Mother Lewis has been married to Bishop Designate James A. Lewis since 1962. They are the proud parents of two adult boys, both who serve in ministerial capacities. In fact, one son, Supt. Jeffrey M. Lewis, is the senior pastor of New Antioch Church of God in Christ, which was founded by Bishop and Mother Lewis in 1970.

Education is important to Mother Lewis, which is evident through her many degrees: Associate of Arts from West Los Angeles Community College, a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from CSU Los Angeles, a Master of Arts in Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary, and an honorary Litterum Doctorate from the Southern California School of Ministry. Even with all of these degrees and an exceptional educational background, she still takes time to serve in her community.

Dr. Lewis was recognized by the Mayor of Los Angeles for her work in juvenile halls, street ministries, and drug rehabilitation centers. She has received awards such as "Woman of the Year" and the First Ladies Community Impact award. Through her creativity and God-given talents, Dr. Lewis completed the 41-unit Hale Morris Lewis Senior Complex. The 501(c)(3) Southern California COGIC Economic Development Corporation, of which Dr. Lewis is president and CEO, operates the $4.7 million dollar development. The complex is used to distribute supplies to those in need, as well as provide community services. The Hale Morris Lewis Senior Complex is a blessing to all.

At New Antioch, she is the Prayer and Bible Band president/teacher. In 1988, Bishop Blake gave her the blessed honor of being appointed as jurisdictional supervisor, where Bishop Joe Ealy is currently her jurisdictional prelate. Mother Lewis maintains four weekly prayer lines and also authored "The Christian Woman's Guide to Church Protocol and Saintly Decorum." She edited various curriculum guides and handbooks for the Jurisdictional School of Licensing. Dr. Lewis serves on numerous boards and committees, including the Board of Trustees C.H. Mason Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia. In April 2013, Bishop Blake appointed her to assistant general supervisor, as well as chairperson of Executive Business Affairs for the Department of Women. Dr. Lewis' accomplishments are too numerous to name because her impact and influence are undeniable. May God bless Dr. Lewis and say to her, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

FIRST LADY VELL HAYES LYLES

(Bishop Joel Lyles, General Secretary)

Lady Vell Lyles, the daughter of Justine Hayes and the late Thomas Hayes, is a native of Louisville, Kentucky. At a young age, Lady Lyles accepted the Lord and made a commitment to stay with Him. She attended Moore Temple Church Of God In Christ for over twenty years under the pastorate of the late Bishop A. T. Moore. In Kentucky, she has served as a choir directress, Sunday School teacher, and the State Youth Department secretary.

Upon moving to Maryland, Lady Lyles attended the New Bethel Church Of God In Christ (Washington, D.C.), pastored by the late Bishop Sherman Howard, and served as district chairlady of the Youth Department, ministering to various groups. Her desire for higher education led her to Vanderbilt University (Nashville, TN), where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology, to the University of Louisville where she earned a Master's in Education, and to The George Washington University where she earned her doctorate. Dr. Lyles has been employed for over twenty years in higher education holding various key positions as dean of students and associate vice president.

Lady Lyles' testimony and love of the Word has led her to evangelize and teach others kingdom principles. She believes God to answer prayer, leads several prayer meetings each week and loves shut-ins. She has spoken at jurisdictional women's conventions, Morning Manna, various revivals and retreats. She loves the Gospel and believes that God saves to the utmost. She believes that deliverance is available to any soul who seeks the Lord.

Lady Lyles and Bishop Joel Lyles married in 1992 and are the proud parents of one daughter, Ashley. Lady Lyles is first lady of Emmanuel Ministries Church Of God In Christ and Greater Maryland First Jurisdiction. She works closely with her husband in ministry to serve the people of the Lord. Her prayer continues to be that she may know Christ, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His suffering, being made conformable to His death (Philippians 3:10 rev).

FIRST LADY LASHAUNDRA COX PATTERSON

(Bishop Charles H. Patterson, Treasurer)

Saved, intelligent, focused, energetic, are all words which describe LaShaundra Denise Cox Patterson, a woman of God who bears an assertive personality. Affectionately called "Bonnie," she is the beloved daughter of Mr. Tyrone & Mrs. Karen Cox, and the older sister of Natalia Cox Parham, a family of educators. The name Bonnie in all languages means "beautiful," which is a true testament of who she is; so much so that her husband says each Sunday, "I thank God for my beautiful wife."

A vessel chosen by God to be the wife of Bishop Charles Harrison Mason Patterson, Sr., pastor of Pentecostal Temple Church Of God In Christ in Memphis, Tennessee, and the national treasurer of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc. They are the proud parents of Tyren, Charles Jr., Kelly Rose and Callie Indiana, who are all active in the church.

Growing up in a devout religious home prepared Lady Patterson for the role of a loving wife, a caring mother and the first lady of Pentecostal Temple. Lady Patterson's roots were in Brown Missionary Baptist Church (Southaven, Mississippi), where Dr. Bartholomew Orr is the senior pastor, and first lady Valarie Orr is her friend and mentor. Lady Patterson's great-great-grandparents were founders of Brown MBC. Her father served as a deacon and Sunday School superintendent; her maternal grandfather, Deacon Jessie James Smith, served as chairman of the Deacon Board; and her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Callie Mae King Smith, served as president of the Mother's Board. Her parents and immediate family are still active members of that congregation. Sis. Patterson's family tree displays loyal and dedicated servants to the service of the Lord, which assisted in shaping her life from a child into adulthood.

Lady LaShaundra Cox Patterson is a graduate of Missionary Auxiliary Awareness Institute (MAAI), Class of 2013, Tennessee Headquarters Jurisdiction, where she received her evangelist missionary license. She is a woman who wears many hats: the pastor's wife, asst. administrative aide to the pastor, administrative assistant to the national treasurer of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc., and the announcing voice of the "Building Your Faith" radio broadcast. Also, she is a member of the Governance and Board of Directors of Moving Ahead School of Scholars (MASS) Learning Academy Charter School and secretary/treasurer of MASS Foundation.

Lady Patterson is a godly role model who displays compassion, kindness and deep consideration for the congregation of Pentecostal Temple. She is a humble woman of faith who is always available and possesses great leadership skills. As her role of a bishop's wife extends to the national church, she carries herself in a respectful manner as she stands tall in dignity and strength. She does not "wear worry as a cloak," but instead, stands firm on God's Word. Her favorite scripture is the yard stick for her life, Philippians 1:6: "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

FIRST LADY JULIA A. HUNT

(Bishop James W. Hunt, Sr., Chairman, General Assembly)

Evangelist Julia A. Hunt began her Christian journey as a young child under the leadership of Superintendent Alvin C. and Mother Katie McBurrows at Lighthouse Church Of God In Christ. She is the daughter of North District Missionary emeritus Ruth M. Clyburn of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Jurisdiction.

Evangelist Hunt has been saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost from her youth. She is serious about the Lord's work and does whatever her hands find to do. She does not hesitate to share a word for the Lord. Her public ministry includes conferences, seminars, special purpose services, convocations, prayer breakfasts, luncheons and street witnessing. She has a passion for ministering to young men, women and children. She has ministered to those in in nursing homes, hospitals, prisons, the sick and shut-in nationally and internationally. Her ministry in Home and Foreign Missions has spanned the length and breadth of the United States, Shanghai, China, Monrovia, Liberia, and the Ivory Coast, West Africa.

Evangelist Hunt has been the first lady of Ebenezer COGIC for over 36 years. She is the founder and president of Adams Rib of Ebenezer (AROE) Women's Fellowship, chairlady of her church's New Members class, founder of the Sonflowers Children's Choir and the Annual Members Day service. She serves in the Metropolitan District of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Jurisdiction as the district president of the Young Women's Christian Council (YWCC), and the Christian Women's Council (CWC). She also serves as a member of the District Finance Committee. On the jurisdictional level, Evangelist Hunt is the president of the Pastors' Wives Circle in the Women's Department of the Commonwealth Of Pennsylvania Jurisdiction.

Evangelist Hunt joins her husband in the national work of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc. She serves as first lady of the General Assembly and is a member of the Women's International Convention, Special Convention Assistance Committee under the leadership of the sainted General Supervisor of the Department of Women, Mother Willie Mae Rivers. Mother Hunt is also a member of the Bishop's Wives Circle.

Evangelist Hunt is the virtuous wife of Bishop James W. Hunt, Sr., chairman of the General Assembly of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc., and pastor of Ebenezer Church Of God In Christ. She has been married to Bishop Hunt for over 48 years. They have 4 sons, 4 daughters-in-law and 10 grandchildren.

Jesus said, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" John 9:4. Evangelist Hunt is about her Father's business. She loves people and as she shares the Gospel with others, it is her desire and prayer that they too experience the joy of knowing Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.

FIRST LADY WILLIE MAE SHEARD

(Bishop John H. Sheard, Chairman, Board of Bishops)

Gifted, secure, spiritual, determined...a powerful woman of God. Everyone that meets Mother Willie Mae Sheard agrees that her lifelong devotion to God has placed her in numerous positions of service to the church and the community. Her focus, daily aim and consuming desire is to please the Lord with diligence, in all of her ways. She is accurately described as an accomplished evangelist and missionary, reaching out to young and old alike. Her "straight from the hip" style of ministry endears her listeners to respect her as a loving mother. She serves at the local, district, jurisdictional and national levels of the Church Of God In Christ.

Local Level: Greater Mitchell Temple COGIC

- President - Women's Department
- Chairperson - Annual Women's Day
- Teacher - New Member's Class
- Prayer Warrior - Noonday Prayer

Jurisdictional Level: Michigan Southwest First Jurisdiction COGIC

- President - Charles Harrison Mason Foundation (provides awards and scholarships to deserving young people)
- Grand Marshall – Women of the Jurisdiction
- President - Pastors & Ministers' Wives' Circle

Serving the women as counselor, advisor and friend, Mother Sheard's love, support, dedication and prayers have produced "good seed" in her husband's ministry, the lives of the saints of God, and in the Church Of God In Christ. As the wife of Bishop John H. Sheard for 59 years, Mother Sheard is the first lady of both the Greater Mitchell Temple Church Of God In Christ and of the Michigan Southwest First Jurisdiction COGIC. God has also blessed her to encourage her husband as he serves as Chairman of the Board of Bishops for the Church Of God In Christ, Inc.

Mother Sheard is the mother of two sons: Bishop J. Drew Sheard II, prelate of Michigan North Central Jurisdiction COGIC, pastor of Greater Emmanuel Institutional COGIC and Church Of God In Christ General Board member; Elder Ethan B. Sheard, assistant pastor of Greater Mitchell Temple COGIC, and youth president of Michigan Southwest First Jurisdiction COGIC. Mother Sheard is also the proud grandmother of Kierra "Ki-Ki", J. Drew II and Madison Sheard, and great-grandmother of Jacob and Cali.

FIRST LADY MIGNON WALLS

(Bishop Dwight E. Walls, Sr., Chairman, National Board of Trustees)

Evangelist-Missionary Mignon Nance Walls is a woman who has triumphed in life while standing on the promises of God, believing and trusting in Him for the healing of her body. She was born to the late Frances A. Clayborn, and is the wife of Bishop Dwight E. Walls, Sr., chairman of the National Board of Trustees, Church Of God In Christ. Together they share three children: Elder Dwight II, Missionary LarScene, Deacon Dion (Donnietra) Walls, four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The enemy knew at birth that Missionary Walls was destined for greatness in the Lord and tried to stop the progression of God's plan. She was born with asthma and developed pneumonia at birth. She was placed in an incubator and the doctors said she would not live, but God said, "Not so!" After thirty days, she was released and went home. She was in and out of the hospital most of her childhood because of asthma and would sometimes go into convulsions during her asthma attacks. Once again, her doctors told her mother that she would not live to reach the age of five. But prayer changes things! The Lord blessed her to live and at the age of six, her grandfather returned her to see the doctor who had pronounced death on her life to witness the miracle God had performed.

Professionally, Missionary Walls worked at the Willow Run Public Schools, the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department, the Washtenaw County Alcohol Substance Abuse, and the Washtenaw County Building Inspector's Department. She retired as the director for the Washtenaw County Foster Grandparent Program, where she hired 92 low-income seniors to work with special needs children in 35 locations. Missionary Walls also served as a member and steward of A.F.S.M.E., and her name was submitted to the "Who's Who" in America. Because of her work and accomplishments, she has received numerous recognitions from U.S. Presidents Carter, Reagan, and Bush.

Missionary Walls has served in many capacities of the church. Under the leadership of her husband, Bishop Dwight E. Walls, Sr., she currently serves as first lady of Greater Shiloh Church Of God In Christ, where she works with the church mother in the Women's Department. On the district level, she serves as first lady of the Greater Shiloh District and as platform marshal on Women's Day. On the jurisdictional level, Missionary Walls serves as a licensed evangelist missionary, was highlighted as a "Woman of Distinction 2013," and is president of the Superintendent Wives unit. On the national level, she has served as an adjutant sister, working the platform and serving the women of God during national meetings. She was promoted to adjutant mother, assisting with the preparation and serving of the "Lord's Supper" during Holy Convocation.

Missionary Walls is a faith believing, fire baptized, holy ghost filled woman of God. She has instilled her values of helping and serving others in her children, grandchildren, and the wonderful people she serves with, putting emphasis on praying and teaching the way of holiness. "Her children arise up, and call her blessed: her husband also, and he praiseth her" (Proverbs 31:28).

FIRST LADY CHRISTINE EADDY

(Supt. Michael Eaddy, Chairman, General Council of Pastors & Elders)

Lady Christine Eaddy is the wife of Administrative Assistant, Superintendent Michael Eaddy. She is the first lady of the People's Church of the Harvest Church Of God In Christ, (Chicago, IL) and president of its Women's Department. Lady Eaddy has served alongside her husband in ministry and leadership for the past 36 years. Her love for God and the Kingdom has motivated her to launch numerous youth-centered and women-focused ministries and initiatives, reaching both church membership and community residents citywide. She was most recently cited in the Chicago Tribune newspaper's "Remarkable Woman" section for operating the largest enrollment of the 120 afterschool programs offered citywide as a part of the Chicago Public School system's "SAFE HAVEN" Initiative in 2015.

Professionally, Lady Eaddy is a licensed food services provider and child care services operator. Through these services, she provides employment opportunities to many community residents who may otherwise be unemployed. Lady Christine Eaddy, along with her husband, has extended a broad range of ministries to men, women, youth, seniors and returning citizens from the Illinois Department of Corrections. She lives a life of service to humanity and labors in intercessory prayer to advance the Kingdom of God.

Love for her family is paramount in Lady Eaddy's life as a devoted wife to her husband and dedicated mother to her four children and eight grandchildren. She personifies the motto of her church's ministry: "PEOPLE'S SOULS MATTER."

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The 150 WOMEN

Alphabetically Listed

FIRST LADY LINDA DENISE ALLEN
Church: Word of God Christian Center COGIC
Pastor: Supt. Gary Allen, Sr.
Prelate: Bishop Stenneth E. Powell
Jurisdiction: North Carolina Second

DISTRICT MISSIONARY JACQUELINE ANDERSON
Church: Pentecostal Temple COGIC
Pastor: Supt. Willie E. Anderson
Prelate: Bishop Willie J. Matheney
Jurisdiction: Florida Western

DR. SHERRIE A. ANDERSON
Church: Basin Temple COGIC
Pastor: Elder James Hill, Jr.
Prelate: Bishop Albert V. Jordan
Jurisdiction: Mississippi Southern Second

NAKIA ANTHONY
Church: New Beginnings COGIC
Pastor: Bishop Emmitt Nevels, Sr.
Prelate: Bishop Emmitt Nevels, Sr.
Jurisdiction: Ohio West

DR. DIANA CHANDLER BANKS

Church: New Hope COGIC
Pastor: Elder Robert Anthony Veney
Prelate: Bishop Stanford Lee Butts
Jurisdiction: Maryland Central

SUPERVISOR DIANNE MARIE BOGAN

Church: Harris Memorial COGIC
Pastor: Supt. Eric C. Bogan, Pastor
Jurisdiction: Michigan Great Lakes First
Prelate: Bishop Michael E. Hill, Sr.

FIRST LADY PATRICIA H. BEREAL

Church: Abounding Grace Ministries COGIC
Pastor: Elder Thomas C. Bereal, Sr.
Prelate: Bishop J.B. Hackworth
Jurisdiction: Southern California Metropolitan

DISTRICT MISSIONARY CAROLYN BORUM

Church: Solomon Temple COGIC
Pastor: Elder William Borum, Jr.
Prelate: Bishop Johnnie James Johnson
Jurisdiction: South Carolina

DEBRA VINSON BERRY

Church: Calvary COGIC
Pastor: Supt. Gregory E. Jordan
Prelate: Bishop Edward T. Cook
Jurisdiction: Ohio North First

MOTHER OLIVE LUCRETIA WINDLEY BROWN

Church: Church of God in Christ For All Saints
Pastor: Rev. Robert C. Rogers
Prelate: Bishop Martin Luther Johnson, Sr.
Jurisdiction: New Jersey First

DR. SHARON BURCHETTE
Church: Faith in Action Ministries, Inc. COGIC
Pastor: Elder Julius Burchette
Prelate: Bishop G. Wesley Hardy
Jurisdiction: Virginia Fourth

FIRST LADY BETTY BUTTS
Church: Prayer Tower Cathedral COGIC
Pastor: Elder Joe Butts
Prelate: Bishop James R. Wright, Sr.
Jurisdiction: New York Western First

FIRST LADY LILLIE BURRIS
Church: Foundation of Truth COGIC
Pastor: Elder Loren W. Burris
Prelate: Bishop William Scott
Jurisdiction: Illinois Southeast

DR. ETHEL CAFFIE-AUSTIN
Church: Brookside Ministry COGIC
Pastor: Supt. Bruce E. Hogan
Prelate: Bishop Henderson Wheeler
Jurisdiction: Greater West Virginia

FIRST LADY SARAH L. BUTLER
Church: Center of Faith COGIC
Pastor: Elder Gentry Butler
Prelate: Bishop Frank O. White
Jurisdiction: Eastern New York Third

FIRST LADY VAUGHN CARTER
Church: Prayer Assembly COGIC
Pastor: Elder Edward G. Carter
Prelate: Bishop Harvey T. Young
Jurisdiction: Arizona

FIRST LADY DIANA B. CHAPPELL

Church: St. Johns All Nations COGIC
Pastor: Supt. Clifford O. Chappell
Prelate: Bishop H.B. Daniels, Jr.
Jurisdiction: Oregon Northwest

EVANGELIST DIANNA COLE

Church: Holy Temple COGIC
Pastor: Supt. John E. Collins
Prelate: Bishop William Haven Bonner
Jurisdiction: Illinois Sixth

FIRST LADY SALANA J. CHEARS-WALKER

Church: Friendly Temple COGIC
Pastor: Elder E.M. Walker
Prelate: Bishop Cody V. Marshall
Jurisdiction: Northern Illinois

EVANGELIST DORA JEAN COLEMAN

Church: Eleventh Street COGIC
Pastor: Elder Grady Gordon, Jr.
Prelate: Bishop Oscar Meadows
Jurisdiction: Alabama First

FIRST LADY MARY JO CLAY

Church: R.H. Miracle Central COGIC
Pastor: Supt. Gilbert L. Clay, Sr.
Prelate: Bishop LeRoy F. Johnson
Jurisdiction: Iowa

FIRST LADY PAULA COLEMAN

Church: Kingdom Harvest Ministries COGIC
Pastor: Supt. Dexter L. Coleman, Sr.
Prelate: Bishop Designate J.E. Hornsby
Jurisdiction: Texas Northeast First

HELEN COOK
Church: Third COGIC
Pastor: Supt. Alfred S. Hood, Sr.
Prelate: Bishop Gerald Hawkins, Sr.
Jurisdiction: Louisiana East Second

FIRST LADY SHEILA L. COOK
Church: New Life COGIC
Pastor: Bishop Edward T. Cook
Prelate: Bishop Edward T. Cook
Jurisdiction: Ohio North First

MOTHER MARTHA COOPER
Church: West Angeles COGIC
Pastor: Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr.
Prelate: Bishop Joe L. Ealy
Jurisdiction: California Southern First

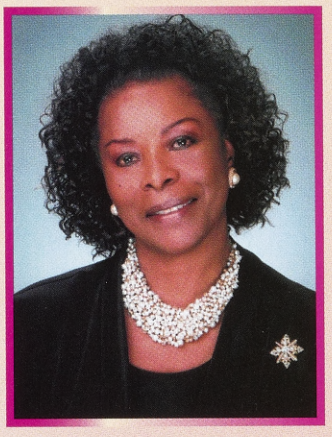
FIRST LADY JANICE IGLEHART CRAIG
Church: Faith Kingdom COGIC
Pastor: Elder Charles E. Craig
Bishop: Bishop Designate Nathiel Wells
Jurisdiction: Texas Northeast Fourth

MISSIONARY CLEOLA CRAWFORD
C7urch: Gospel Pentecostal Center COGIC
Pastor: Elder Otis Williams
Prelate: Bishop Ocie Booker
Jurisdiction: Illinois First

ESTHER MASON DAVIS
Church: Greater Prayer Garden COGIC
Pastor: Supt. Mack C. Mason
Prelate: Bishop Cody V. Marshall
Jurisdiction: Northern Illinois

FIRST LADY HAROLYN DAVIS

Church: New Life Tabernacle COGIC
Pastors: Supt. Carl A. Davis
Prelate: Bishop Brandon Porter (Interim)
Jurisdiction: Texas Southeast First



LAFAYE EALY DOBY

Church: Gospel Memorial COGIC
Pastor: Bishop Joe L. Ealy
Prelate: Bishop Joe L. Ealy
Jurisdiction: California Southern First

MOTHER HAZEL B. DELONEY

Church: Holy Temple Cathedral
Pastor: Bishop Jewel R. Withers, Jr.
Prelate: Bishop Jewel R. Withers, Jr.
Jurisdiction: Arkansas First

MOTHER DELILAH M. DUELL

Church: Pentecostal Tabernacle COGIC
Pastor: Elder Henry Jamerson
Prelate: Bishop Samuel Duncan, Jr.
Jurisdiction: Michigan Southwest Third

FIRST LADY STEPHANIE DILLARD

Church: Citadel of Deliverance COGIC
Pastor: Supt. Linwood Dillard
Prelate: Bishop Brandon Porter
Jurisdiction: Tennessee Central

SUPERVISOR CLAUDETTE DUNCAN

Church: Antioch COGIC
Pastor: Elder Sterling Duncan
Prelate: Bishop Norman O. Harper
Jurisdiction: South Central Georgia

MOTHER OPHELIA EVANS
Church: Mitchell Chapel COGIC
Pastor: Bishop Designee Nelson Gatlin
Prelate: Bishop Designee Nelson Gatlin
Jurisdiction: Texas Northeast Third

MOTHER CAROLYN GALBRAITH
Church: North Highlands Community COGIC
Pastor: Bishop Albert Galbraith
Prelate: Bishop Albert Galbraith
Jurisdiction: Northern California First

EVANGELIST MISSIONARY SHARION FREEMAN
Church: True Way Holiness COGIC
Pastor: Supt. Clarence Earl Freeman
Prelate: Bishop LeRoy Jackson Woolard
Jurisdiction: Greater North Carolina

DR. BARBARA GILLESPIE-WASHINGTON
Church: Liberty Temple Ministries COGIC
Pastor: Elder Albert Lee
Prelate: Bishop Juan L. Morrison, Sr.
Jurisdiction: Central Illinois

EVANGELIST EVELYN T. FRYE
Church: Word of Life COGIC
Pastor: Supt. Sidney L. Frye
Prelate: Bishop Fred Willis Washington
Jurisdiction: Minnesota

MISSIONARY PATSY GIPSON
Church: Greater White Rose COGIC
Pastor: Bishop N.A. Bullock
Prelate: Bishop N.A. Bullock
Jurisdiction: California Northwest

FIRST LADY LAWANNÉ S. GRANT

Church: Kingdom Builders Church
Pastor: Supt. Darryl L. Grant
Prelate: Bishop Stenneth E. Powell, Sr.
Jurisdiction: North Carolina Second

FIRST LADY ARTICE HALE

Church: Cornerstone COGIC
Pastor: Bishop Harrison Hale
Prelate: Bishop Harrison Hale
Jurisdiction: Guatemala

FIRST LADY ARABELLA S. HARPER

Church: Kelly Lake COGIC
Pastor: Bishop Norman O. Harper
Prelate: Bishop Norman O. Harper
Jurisdiction: South Central Georgia

DR. GRACE DAVIS HARRIS

Church: Christ Temple COGIC
Pastor: Elder Devern Suggs
Prelate: Bishop Charles H. McClelland
Jurisdiction: Wisconsin Northwest

FIRST LADY HATTIE HARRIS

Church: True Light COGIC
Pastor: Dr. Terrell Harris, Jr.
Prelate: Bishop O.L. Meadows
Jurisdiction: Alabama First

CHAIRLADY TANESHA B. HAYES

Church: Faith Deliverance COGIC
Pastor: Elder Terence Hayes, Sr.
Jurisdiction: Ohio Northwest
Prelate: Bishop Clifford L. Kimbrough

FIRST LADY BRENDA J. HERRON
Church: Monument of Faith COGIC
Pastor: Bishop David L. Herron, Sr.
Prelate: Bishop David L. Herron, Sr.
Jurisdiction: Ohio Central East

MISSIONARY LELA HOWARD
Church: St. Luke COGIC
Pastor: Elder Ezra Don Howard
Prelate: Bishop Timothy Titus Scott
Jurisdiction: Mississippi Northern

FIRST LADY PEARL HILL
Church: Kingdom International COGIC
Pastor: Bishop Michael E. Hill, Sr.
Prelate: Bishop Michael E. Hill, Sr.
Jurisdiction: Michigan Great Lakes First

MOTHER LETHONIA HOWARD-HERRON
Church: St. James COGIC
Pastor: Dr. Melvin L. Howard, Sr.
Prelate: Bishop David L. Herron
Jurisdiction: Ohio Central East

UPERVISOR JACQUELIN G. HOLMES
Church: St. John's COGIC
Pastor: Elder Samuel L. Green III
Jurisdiction: Virginia Second
Prelate: Bishop Samuel L. Green, Jr.

MISSIONARY ALMA HOYLE
Church: Saint James Temple COGIC
Pastor: Supt. Bernell Hoyle
Prelate: Bishop Timothy T. Scott
Jurisdiction: Mississippi Northern

SUPERVISOR CORINE HUFFMAN

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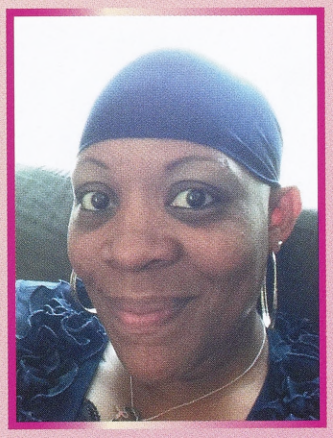

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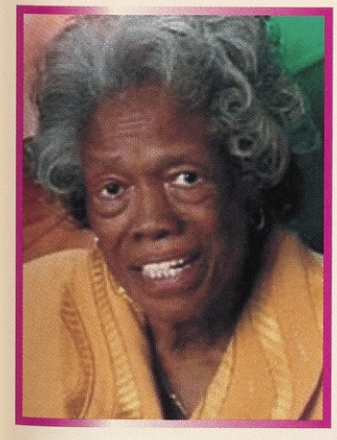

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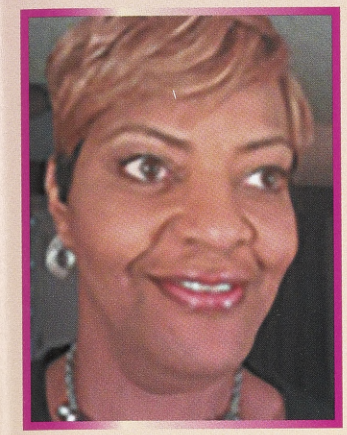

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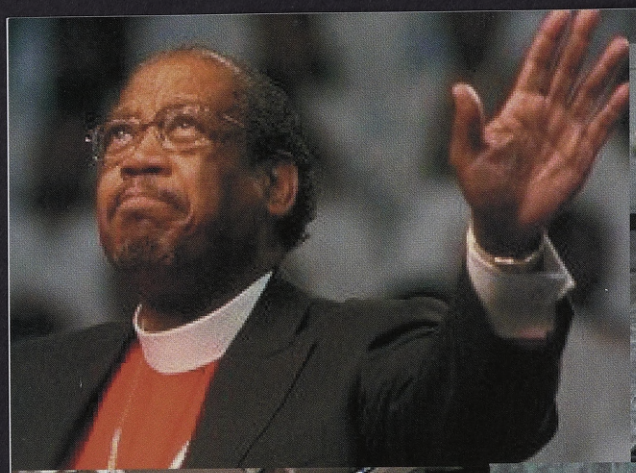

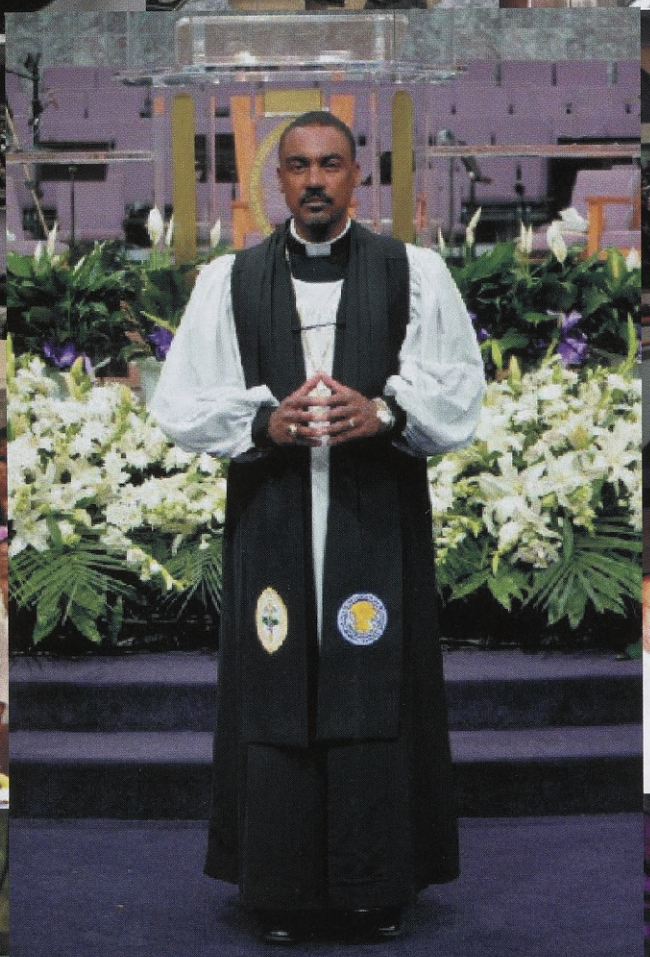

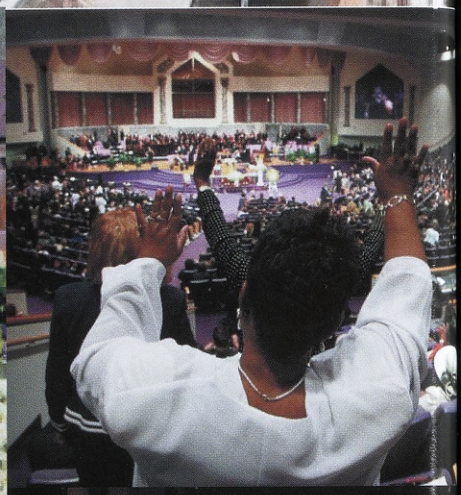

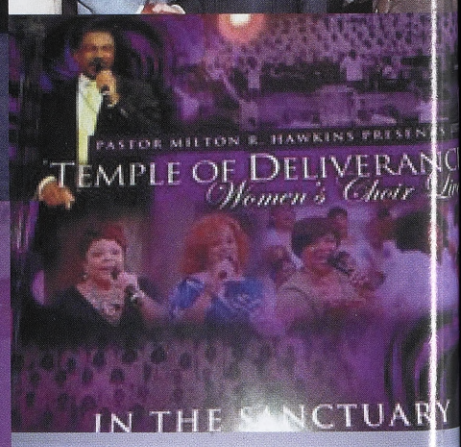

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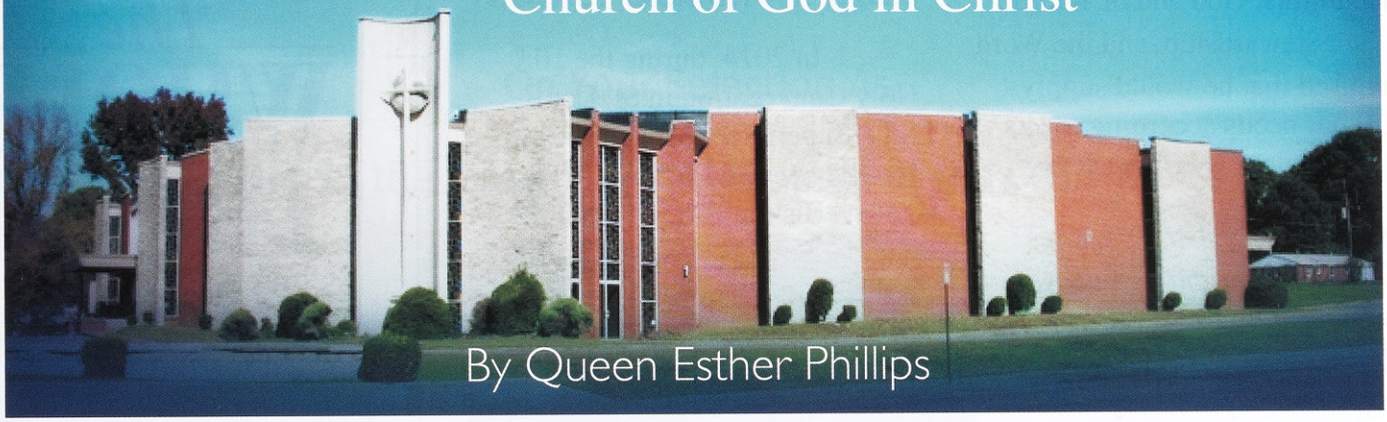

By Queen Esther Phillips

In 2007, Bishop Jerry L. Maynard, jurisdictional prelate of Tennessee Fourth, appointed Superintendent Milton R. Hawkins as pastor of Temple of Deliverance Church of God in Christ (Memphis, TN) after Bishop Gilbert E. Patterson, church founder and former presiding bishop of the Church of God in Christ, transitioned to Glory.

In his new pastoral role, Supt. Hawkins assumed the church's $3,000,000.00 (three million dollar) mortgage balance. He and the Temple of Deliverance congregation worked vigorously to pay off the debt. This undertaking would prove God's faithfulness to His people when they trust Him to be their all-powerful God who owns everything and for whom nothing is impossible.

Under Superintendent Hawkins' leadership, along with the membership's cooperation and dedication, the mortgage was liquidated within a remarkable length of time. The president of SunTrust Bank recognized this was an astonishing accomplishment, as the loan was paid off five years ahead of schedule, saving the congregation $1,000,000.00 (one million dollars). A grand celebration took place on September 26, 2009 with Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr. attending the mortgage burning service.

***The Whole Truth* seized the opportunity to ask Bishop Hawkins a few pertinent questions:**

TWT: How soon after your pastoral appointment did you launch the campaign to pay off the mortgage?

BISHOP HAWKINS:

As you well know, following the iconic Bishop G. E. Patterson, Presiding Bishop of the COGIC from November 2000-March 20, 2007, was no easy task. After receiving the appointment from Jurisdictional Bishop Jerry L. Maynard, we immediately assessed the membership and its financial strength to ascertain a timeline for liquidating the mortgage. With the help of the Lord and the support of a loving membership, we were able to accomplish this twenty-five months after my appointment.

TWT: How did you express the need, or explain the reason for such a major undertaking?

BISHOP HAWKINS:

We met with the staff, leaders and membership of our church and promoted liquidating the mortgage. It was a multi-million dollar mortgage, and one of the items that Bishop G. E. Patterson was unable to complete, due to his untimely demise. It was our goal to fulfill Bishop Patterson's dream and extinguish this debt.

TWT: What were your fundraising efforts that resulted in this astonishing accomplishment?

BISHOP HAWKINS:

Since Temple of Deliverance is a

Bible-based church, we simply advocated God's plan, which is tithe and offering. We did no special campaign for mortgage liquidation. We asked the saints to continue to trust God and be faithful in their stewardship, and the Word promised that he would supply ALL our needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

TWT: From a spiritual perspective, how important was prayer in accomplishing this goal?

BISHOP HAWKINS:
Prayer is always the key to success and attainment of the invisible. As we sought the Lord in prayer for favor and divine direction, God performed the miraculous and enabled us to achieve this worthy goal.

TWT: How has having a mortgage-free facility impacted the ministry?

BISHOP HAWKINS:
Having a mortgage-free ministry is a tremendous blessing, especially in these volatile times in which we live. It has freed us up to focus on other areas, such as missions, scholarships for our youth, adopt-a-school ministry, and blessing families/communities in need. It also sends a powerful statement to our membership, that God is able to do anything. And I shared with the congregation that as God has liquidated the church's mortgage... watch God bless your house!

TWT: Is there any advice or words of encouragement you can give to other pastors working to pay off their church mortgage?

BISHOP HAWKINS:
I will share the same advice I have shared throughout my ministry: trust God, fast and pray, be a person of integrity, and the membership you serve will embrace you as you follow Christ. Reduce unnecessary spending and allow the congregants to see that an anemic economy is no match for God.

In 2014, during the 107th Holy Convocation in St. Louis, MO, Superintendent Milton Hawkins was installed as bishop. Today, Bishop Hawkins and the Temple of Deliverance COGIC family continue to praise God for His grace and allowing the founder's dream to be fulfilled.

Indeed, Bishop Hawkins and the Temple of Deliverance church family are to be commended and, most certainly, God is to be praised. **TWT**

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Mom I want to thank you for your hard work and dedication, and especially the life you have led in my life time you have been an inspiration to me, my family and many others. I love your boldness and faith in God and your desire to see souls saved. May God continue to bless you in all that you do.

Love,

Elder James and Monica Duell & Family

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YOU HAVE PROVED YOUR WORTH AND EXEMPLIFIED EXCEPTIONAL QUALITIES AS A LEADER AND BECAUSE OF YOUR CHARACTER, COMPOSURE, FOCUS, HARD WORK AND COURAGE, WE SALUTE YOU AND MAY GOD'S RICHEST BLESSING ALWAYS BE A PART OF YOUR LIFE!

STRENGTH, DETERMINATION, CHALLENGES AND CONFIDENCE COUNTS FOR YOUR SUCCESS. YOU FOUGHT BATTLES, OVER CAME OBSTACLES, HAD GOALS AND GAVE YOUR COMPLETE SOUL AND NOW YOU ARE HONORED KNOWING THAT YOU HAVE ENOUGH STRENGTH FOR YOUR CONTINUED JOURNEY BUT AS A PRAYING WOMAN, YOU KNOW IT'S YOUR JOURNE WHERE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO GAIN YOUR STRENGTH.

CONGRATULATIONS WITH LOVE AND RESPECT FOR YOU!

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THANK YOU FOR THE POSITIVE INFLUENCE
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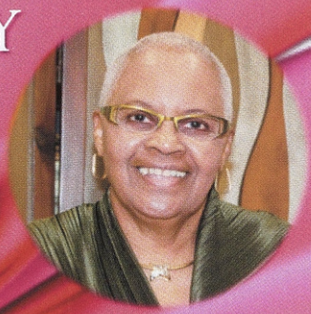

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AS ONE OF

COGIC'S 150 INFLUENTIAL WOMEN - 2015!

The Sunshine Band

Scripture Motto:
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On being selected as one of the

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Stanford L. Butts, Jurisdictional Bishop

Congratulations!!!
Evangelist Missionary Carolyn B. Parker

First Lady
Wells Chapel COGIC, Inc.
Greenville, NC

Congratulations on your selection as one of the

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in the Church of God in Christ!

Dr. Colleen Robinson

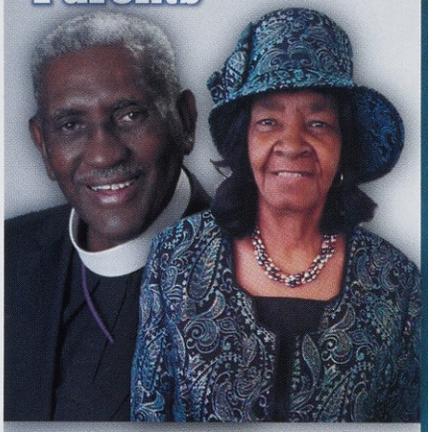
Evangelist *Teacher* *Motivational Speaker*

From,

Your Daughter

Ashley D. Jordan

Parents



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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JURISDICTIONAL SUPERVISOR

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Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

CONGRATULATIONS

Southern District Missionary

Carolyn Aiken Borum

I congratulate you for this distinctive honor that is being bestowed upon you as one of C.O.G.I.C. 150 Influential Women. The 49 and under of the Southern District of South Carolina Jurisdiction see in Missionary Borum what I see every day. I bear witness to every word they have expressed about her character, commitment to the church, and her fellowman. I speak as her Pastor first and then her husband. Congratulations for an honor you well deserve.

Your Husband,
Dr. William Borum, Jr.

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Congratulations
Missionary Carolyn Aiken Borum

On behalf of Myself and the Solomon Temple Church Family, we commend you for this well-deserved honor. Your prayerful dedication and service in God's Kingdom is greatly appreciated.

Special Thank You!!

Missionary Carolyn Aiken Borum

Thank you to the 49 and Under along with Superintendent Joseph Brown and the New Southern District for this prestigious recommendation. I am truly humbled by this honor. May God continue to Bless you!!

Congratulations

Evangelist Mary Mayfield Smith

for being selected as

One of COGIC'S 150 Influential Women - 2015

We are so honored and grateful to have you as the matriarch of our family who is part of COGIC'S top 150 Influential Women for 2015. It is so richly deserved with your many years of faithfulness, dedication and service in the work of the LORD. You selflessly sacrifice for so many.

You have been a good wife, an excellent and loving mother to your children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. You are truly a Proverbs 31 Woman.

We pray that God's richest blessings be with you now and always.

With Love and Prayers Always:

Your Husband: Deacon Alfred E. Smith, Sr.

Your Children:
Mrs. Maria Smith Muldrow, Mrs. Mia Smith Sapp, and Attorney (Deacon) Alfred E. Smith, II, (Mrs. Rhena S. Smith)

Your Grandchildren:
Mrs. Andrea Sapp Clavon, George Gaikins Polk, Jr., (Tatianna) De'Andre Sapp, Ryan Lewis Polk, and Jordan Walker

Your Great Grand Children: Mackenzie Clavon and Jaiden Sapp

Your Brother: Elder Joseph W. Mayfield, Jr.

A Beloved Family Friend: Ms. Keisha Harris

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WE CONGRATULATE

~ Sister Monica Tucker Merriweather ~

ONE COGIC'S 150 INFLUENTIAL WOMEN!

Your are a blessing to your local church and jurisdiction.
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Congratulations

From the South Central Georgia Department of Women

Bishop Norman O. Harper
Jurisdictional Prelate

We salute you on being selected as one of COGIC'S 150 Influential Women-2015.

Your range of influence far exceeds what can be measured.

As you keep your eyes on the cross, your mind on God's word, and your heart loving and serving Him, the sky is truly your limit.

We extend our love and support as you continue to press toward the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus.

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Holy Greetings and Congratulations

The Porter Memorial District Salute

Mother Ruth Upshaw

God has gifted you with strength and ability to shine brightly in his world. May God continue to bless you with all the good things you deserve. May God's unfailing love and peace bless you today and everyday. We Honor and congratulate you on your exceptional work.

Prayers and best wishes.

Administrative Assistant Elder Garrison Hines
District Superintendent

District Missionary
Mother Geraldine Wilson

Congratulations Mother Mary K. Sims For Being Named one of COGIC's 150 Influential Women.

To God be the Glory!!

COGIC's 150 2015 INFLUENTIAL Women

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SALUTES EVANGELIST MARY MAYFIELD SMITH AS ONE OF COGIC'S 150 Influential Women - 2015

We thank God for your exemplary leadership and service as Coordinator of the Children's Department for over 30 years.

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT:

Coordinator: Evangelist Mary Mayfield Smith
Children's Choir: Mrs. Mary Mayfield Smith
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Children's Ushers: Mrs. Edna Taylor
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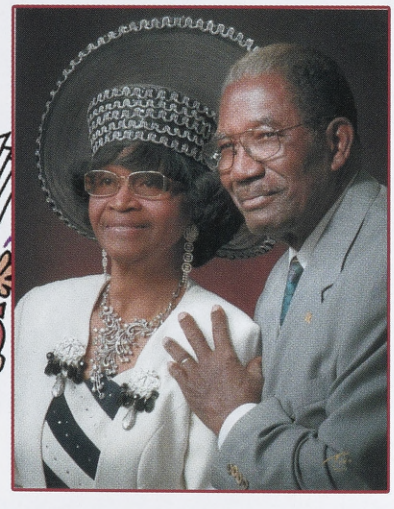

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Congratulations

District Missionary Pasty Gipson

for recognition as one of

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May God continue to bless you!

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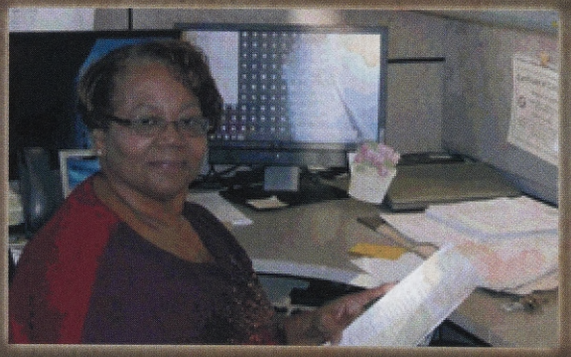

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The Morris Family

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Lady Winifred W. Morris

"Who Can Find a Virtuous Woman, for Her Price is Far Above Rubies?"

"The Heart of Her Husband Doth Safely Trust in Her"

My Dear Winifred:

I am so Godly proud of you. You excel in all you undertake to do for God…for His Church…for me…for the children… grandchildren and our one great-grandson. Yet you remain unchangingly beautiful…outside and inside. I love and appreciate you and look forward to this new season… TOGETHER!

Love you…MORE

&

"Her Children Rise Up and Call Her Blessed"

Mom, Mommy, Grandmom, GMom, MeMa:

You are a great Mother, Grandmother, and Great-grandmother. You are always there for us. We are so very proud of you…and you are so deserving of this recognition.

Enjoy this well-deserved honor. Love you! Love you! Love you!

Tanya, Clifford, Cameron, Amber, Carla, Samuel, Christopher, Stephanie, Gabrielle, Ernest, Yolanda, Jennifer, Wayne, Ava, Little Chris, Carrie and Stephanie

"Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."

– Proverbs 31:30,31

The New York Western Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
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Proudly Salutes Our Esteemed Jurisdictional
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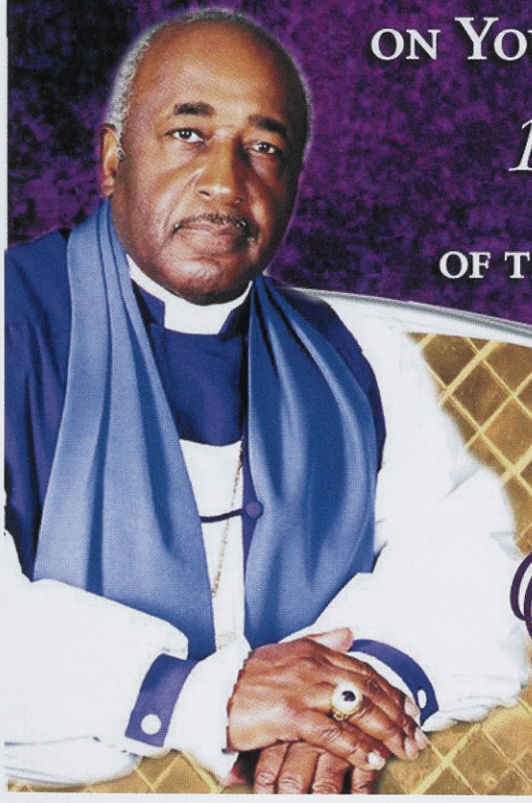

Bishop
Glenwood H. Young, Sr.
Jurisdictional Prelate

BASIN TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Dr. Sherrie A. Anderson

We praise God for the honor that is being bestowed upon you for such a time as this. You are a women who always exceed the expectation of others to do the work and will of God.

Evangelist Angie Cowan

Mother Bonnie Nance

Missionary Billie Ross

Congratulate

Congratulations! We the members of the Basin Temple Church of God in Christ would like to congratulate Dr. Sherrie A. Anderson for being selected as one of the 150 Influential Women of the Church of God in Christ. Dr Anderson has served our church and community well over thirty (30) years.

Dr. Anderson is a great role model and mentor to all young women. She is a devote wife and mother. She has been an active leader in directing our Sunshine Band and Purity Department.

It is with great honor and delight that we share in this joyous occasion.

Dr. Sherrie Anderson is a woman deserving of such prestigious tribute as an outstanding woman of dignity, respect, and love.

Proverbs 31:10 "Who can find a virtuous woman?

Basin Temple Church of God in Christ

is proud to announce that we have one in our mist and her name is Dr. Sherrie A. Anderson.

We the pastor, members and family of Basin Temple Church of God in Christ applaud Dr. Sherrie A. Anderson for her life of service.

"Well done thy good and faithful servant."

Pastor James Hill, Jr & First Lady Alicia Hill

Minister Douglas Anderson, Sr

Basin Temple Church Family

Congratulations

Louise D. Patterson

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COGIC'S 150 INFLUENTIAL WOMEN 2015

"It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness"
by Eleanor Roosevelt

You have been a candle for many through their darkest times. You've used your life as a formula to teach women how to stand up and shine in the midst of adversities. You have always been and will be "our prestigious woman of influence."

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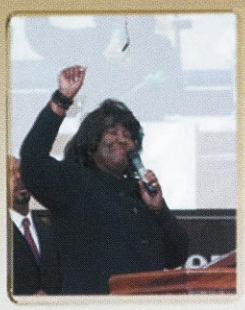

Congratulations Supervisor Lee Van Zandt for being chosen as one of COGIC's 150 most influential women 2015. A well deserved honor for a hard working, honorable, God and people loving woman who knows how to be a lady!!!!

Love,
Your Monument of Love COGIC Family

Congratulations MOTHER OLIVE L. BROWN

THE NEW JERSEY FIRST ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION,
DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN CONGRATULATES MOTHER OLIVE L. BROWN,
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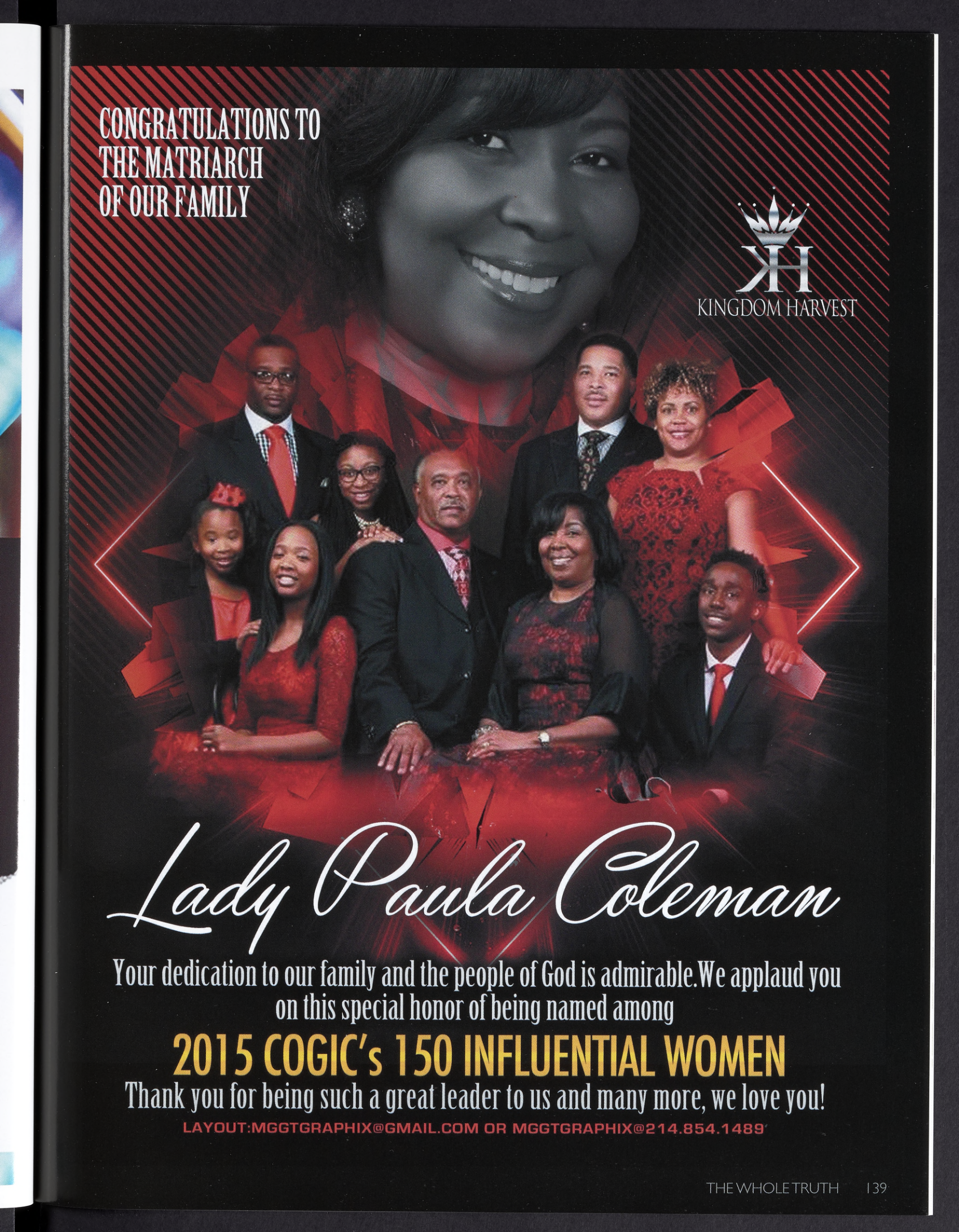
You have been a leader, mentor, role model, and friend.
Mother Delphine L. Moore, Chairperson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Lady Paula Coleman
Your dedication to our family and the people of God is admirable.We applaud you
on this special honor of being named among
2015 COGIC's 150 INFLUENTIAL WOMEN
Thank you for being such a great leader to us and many more, we love you!
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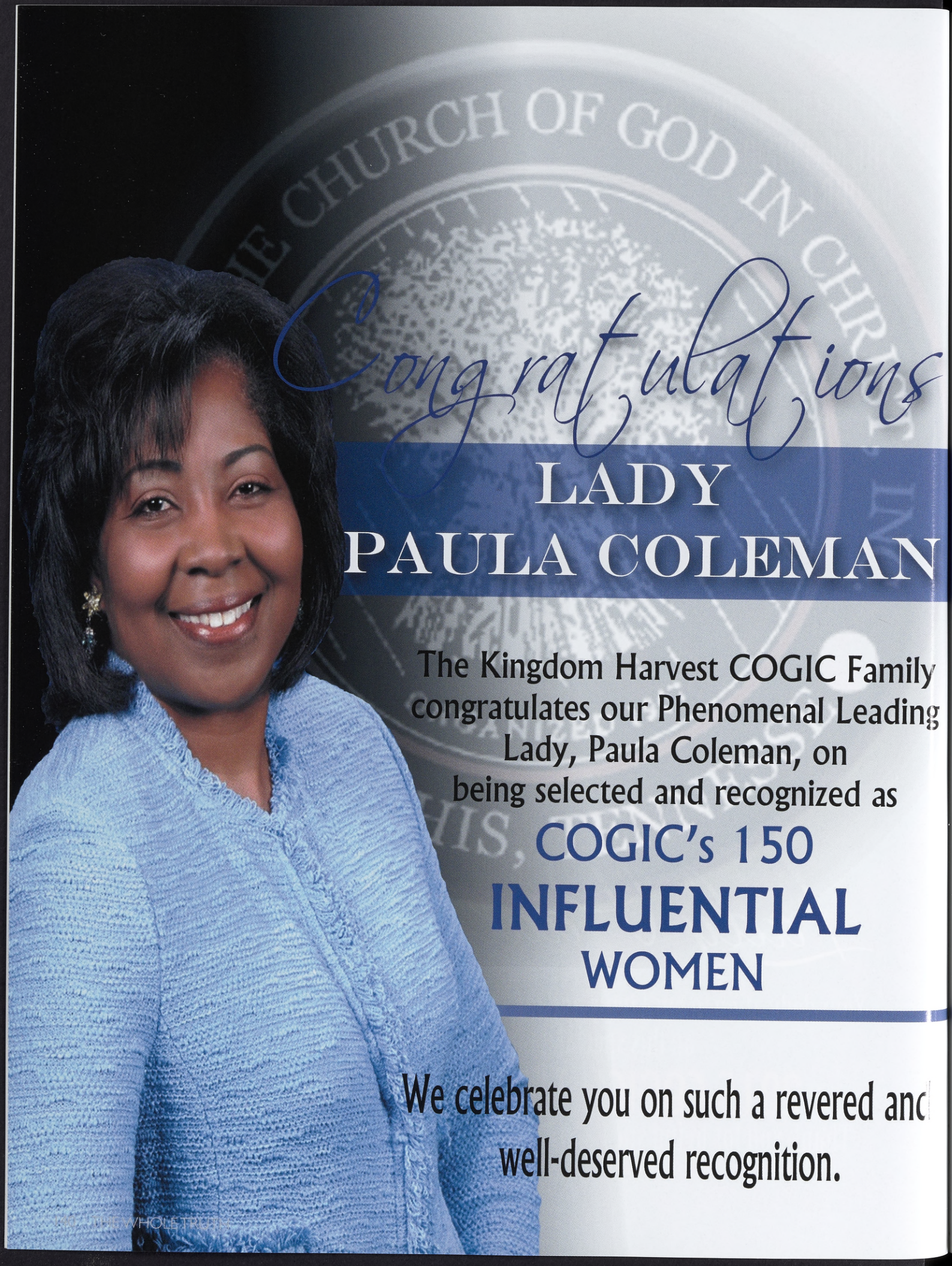
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Congratulations
LADY
PAULA COLEMAN
The Kingdom Harvest COGIC Family
congratulates our Phenomenal Leading
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being selected and recognized as
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We celebrate you on such a revered and
well-deserved recognition.

We, the Officers and Members of the
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Congratulate & Salute
Mother Olive L. Brown
for your commitment, dedication and impeccable
leadership in ministry.

Bishop Martin Luther Johnson, Sr.
Jurisdictional Prelate

The District Missionaries and *Superintendents*

of the New Jersey First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction pay tribute to **Mother Olive L. Brown** as you celebrate this prestigious honor.

You have led by example and demonstrated the highest level of Christian character.

We love you.

Mother Olive L. Brown,
Jurisdictional Supervisor

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September 1, 2015

Congratulations to Mother Olive Lucretia Brown on being named one of the 150 Influential Women in the Church of God In Christ, Inc., for 2015.

You are to be commended for your faithfulness, loyalty and dedication to the Lord and His people. You have demonstrated your faithfulness down through the years and we have been blessed by your love and loyalty.

With love and our best wishes.

Pastor Robert Rogers & First Lady Sandra Rogers
and your COGIC For All Saints Church Family.

Congratulations!

on your nomination for one of C.O.G.I.C.'s
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First Lady Pearl Hill

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Prelate, Great Lakes First Jurisdiction of Michigan

COGIC's 150 INFLUENTIAL Women 2015

COGIC URBAN INITIATIVES INC.

Evangelist Missionary Paula C. Smith-Hearn
Executive Vice President

COGIC Urban Initiatives is the vision of Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr. From inception, women have played a prominent role in the development and roll out of this vital ministry.

On behalf of our President, Bishop Edwin C. Bass, and the entire Executive Team, congratulations to the members of our executive team who have been selected as Prominent Women in COGIC.

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Vice President, Education

Evangelist Missionary Elizabeth Wilson
Vice President, Economic Development

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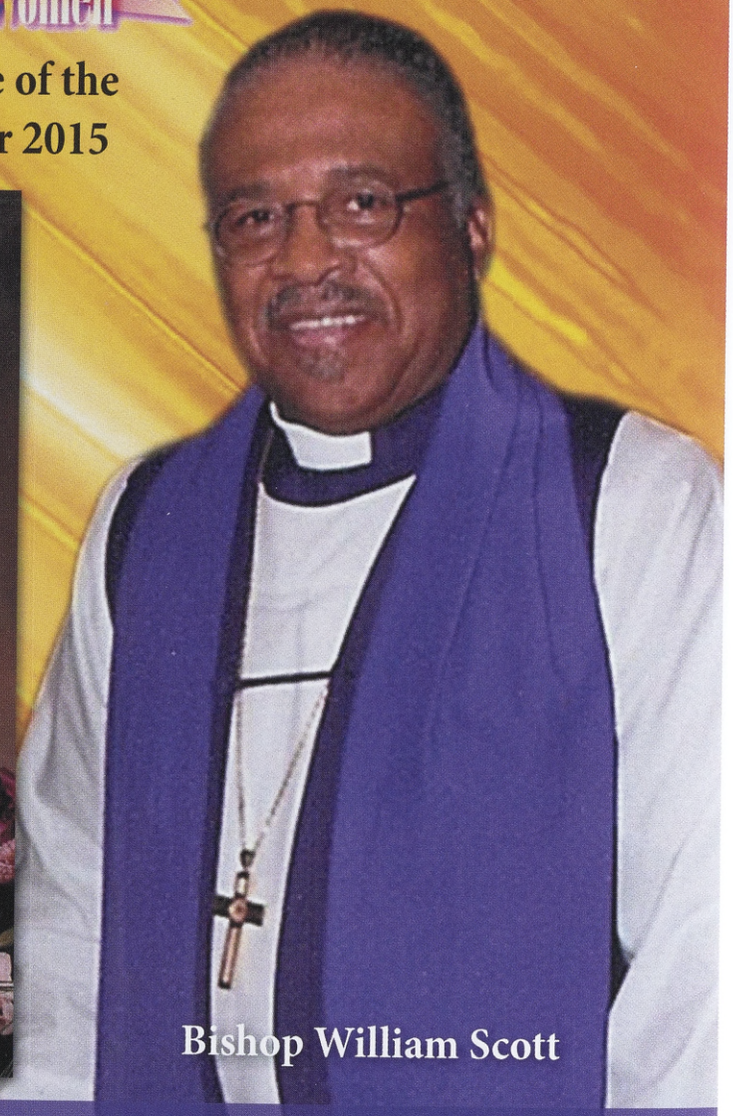
Dr. Dannette Fishburne Scott as one of the COGIC'S 150 Influential Women for 2015

Dr. Dannette Scott



Bishop William Scott

Mother Roxalana Moore, Supervisor of Women
Bishop William Scott, Jurisdictional Prelate

Congratulations

First Lady Pearl Hill

Church of God in Christ 150 Influential Women

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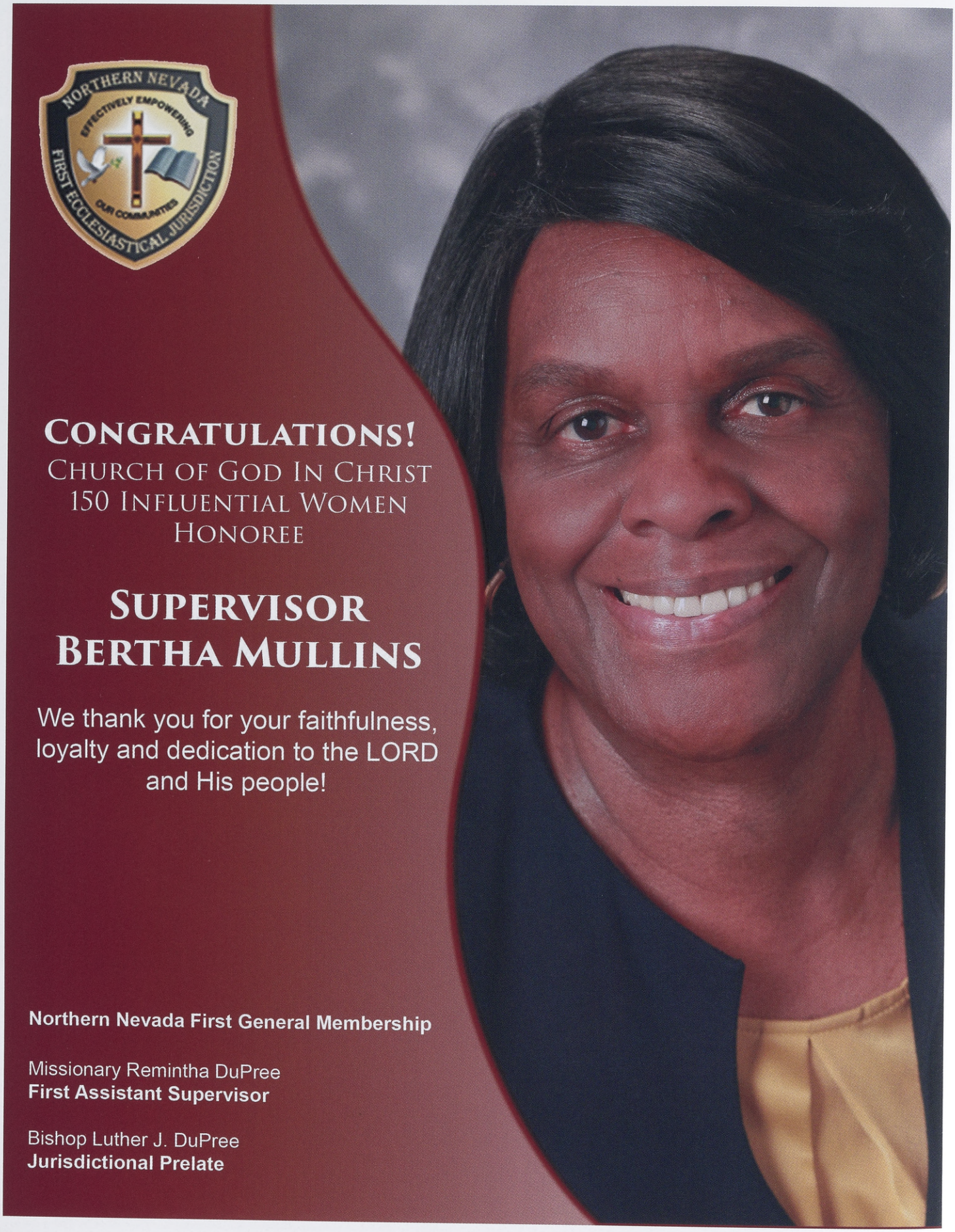
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OUR COMMUNITIES
CONGRATULATIONS!
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150 INFLUENTIAL WOMEN
HONOREE
SUPERVISOR
BERTHA MULLINS
We thank you for your faithfulness,
loyalty and dedication to the LORD
and His people!
Northern Nevada First General Membership
Missionary Remintha DuPree
First Assistant Supervisor
Bishop Luther J. DuPree
Jurisdictional Prelate

Congratulations to our First Lady,

Mother Virgie M. Pulliam,

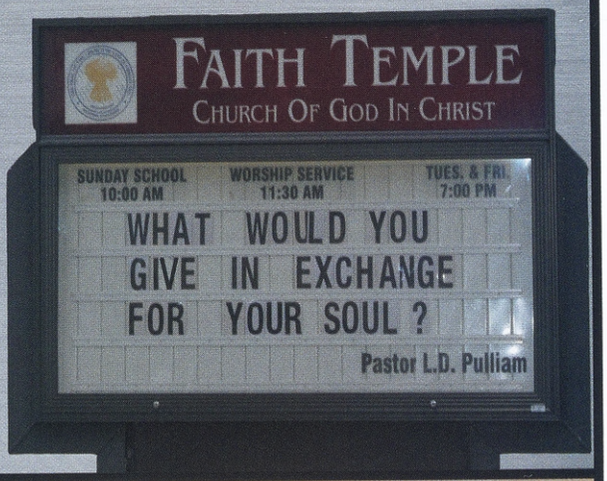
on being selected one of

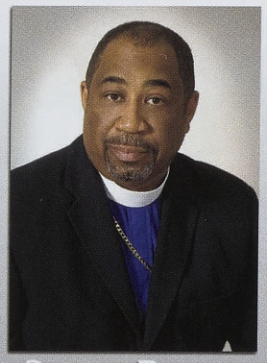
COGIC's 150 Influential Women

As our most influential woman for more than 40 years, you have been a beacon of holiness for each and every one of us over the years.

WE LOVE YOU!!

from the Pastor
& Members of
Faith Temple C.O.G.I.C.
Wyatt, Missouri





SENIOR BISHOP
OF GEORGIA

THE BISHOP ADRIAN D. WILLIAMS

and the

COSMOPOLITAN ECCLESIASTICAL FELLOWSHIP OF GEORGIA

Salutes

FIRST LADY

Blanche M. Williams

ON HER SELECTION AS ONE OF THE
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST'S

150 Influential Women

Devoted Wife
Loving Mother
Annointed Speaker

Worship Leader
Sunday-School Teacher
Prayer Warrior / Intercessor

(formerly served as)
Women's Department Supervisor
District Missionary

"It Shall Come, It Will Come & It Will Not Tarry"

"It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness."
Lamentations 3:22-23

COGIC's 150 INFLUENTIAL Women 2015

CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR FIRST LADY

Dr. Ezora J. Proctor

From Superintendent James W. Proctor
and the First Church of God in Christ Family
Jeanerette, Louisiana

On Your selection as one of the
150 Influential Women in the
Church of God in Christ, Inc.
WE LOVE YOU!!!

"The Old Landmark Distirct"

Southwest Michigan Third Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Superintendent Edward Jones

District Missionary Barbara Littles

SALUTES

Leading Lady....

DR. ELIZABETH WALTON-COLEMAN

COGIC's 150 Influential Women

New Faith Temple Church of God In Christ
"Going to the Next Dimension in God"
Dr. Charles H. Coleman, Pastor

Refreshing Life Ministries
Superintendent Edward Jones, Pastor

Greater All Nations Prayer Tower
Dr. Louis Bishop, Pastor

Majestic Love Center
Elder Eddie Brown, Pastor

Supervisor Wilma J. Hughey

on selection and recognition as one of

COGIC's 150 Influential Women - 2015

Pastoral Staff

Pastor Sam O. Pulliam • Mother Susa Ellison • Dr. Wilma J. Hughey • Elder Caranell Parks

Washington, District of Columbia Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Congratulations
Supervisor ViCurtis E. Little

Bishop and Mrs. Neavelle Coles
Jurisdictional Prelate and
First Lady

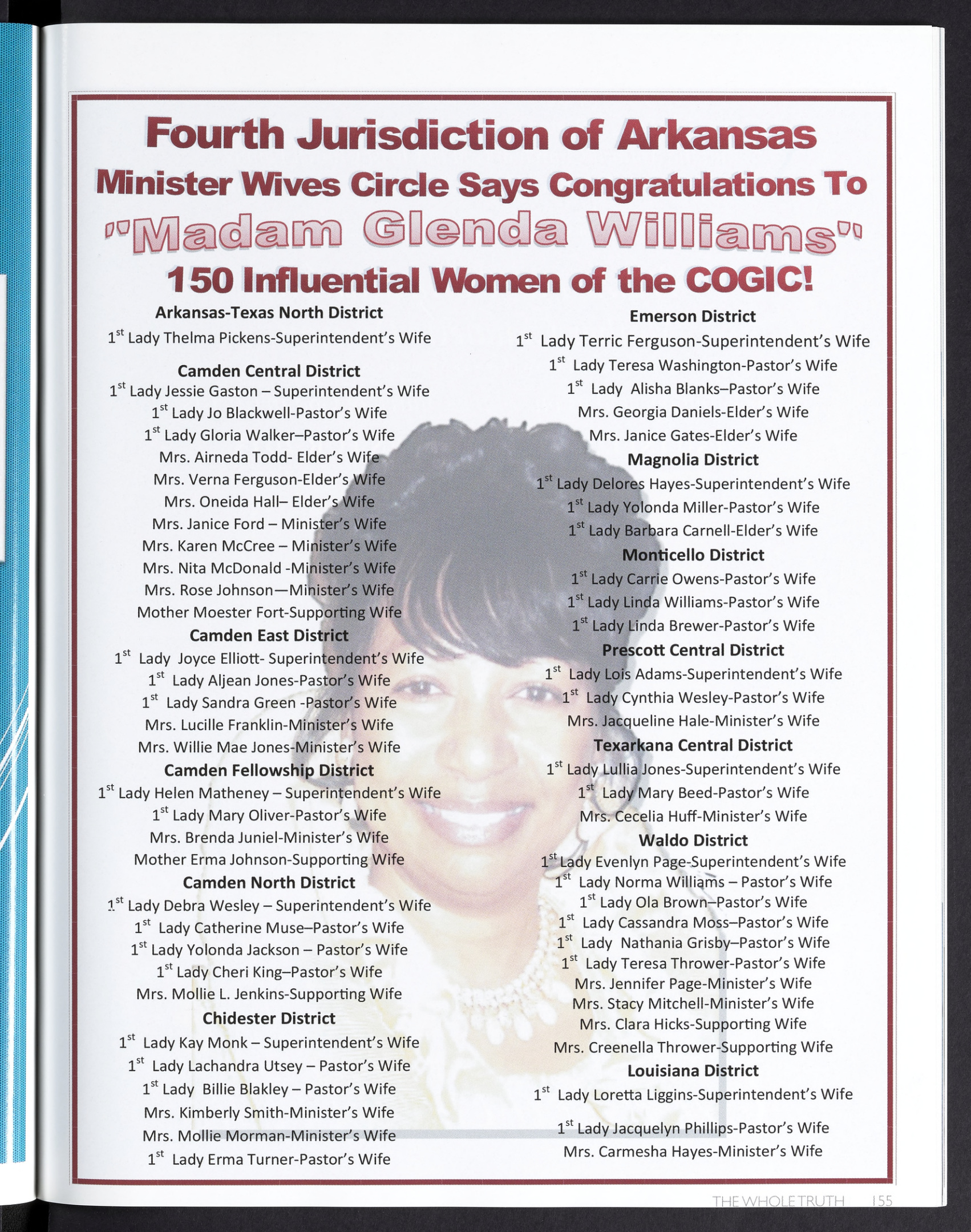
Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.
Proverbs 31:31

Fourth Jurisdiction of Arkansas

Minister Wives Circle Says Congratulations To

"Madam Glenda Williams"

150 Influential Women of the COGIC!



Arkansas-Texas North District

1st Lady Thelma Pickens-Superintendent's Wife

Camden Central District

1st Lady Jessie Gaston – Superintendent's Wife
1st Lady Jo Blackwell-Pastor's Wife
1st Lady Gloria Walker–Pastor's Wife
Mrs. Airneda Todd- Elder's Wife
Mrs. Verna Ferguson-Elder's Wife
Mrs. Oneida Hall– Elder's Wife
Mrs. Janice Ford – Minister's Wife
Mrs. Karen McCree – Minister's Wife
Mrs. Nita McDonald -Minister's Wife
Mrs. Rose Johnson—Minister's Wife
Mother Moester Fort-Supporting Wife

Camden East District

1st Lady Joyce Elliott- Superintendent's Wife
1st Lady Aljean Jones-Pastor's Wife
1st Lady Sandra Green -Pastor's Wife
Mrs. Lucille Franklin-Minister's Wife
Mrs. Willie Mae Jones-Minister's Wife

Camden Fellowship District

1st Lady Helen Matheney – Superintendent's Wife
1st Lady Mary Oliver-Pastor's Wife
Mrs. Brenda Juniel-Minister's Wife
Mother Erma Johnson-Supporting Wife

Camden North District

1st Lady Debra Wesley – Superintendent's Wife
1st Lady Catherine Muse–Pastor's Wife
1st Lady Yolonda Jackson – Pastor's Wife
1st Lady Cheri King–Pastor's Wife
Mrs. Mollie L. Jenkins-Supporting Wife

Chidester District

1st Lady Kay Monk – Superintendent's Wife
1st Lady Lachandra Utsey – Pastor's Wife
1st Lady Billie Blakley – Pastor's Wife
Mrs. Kimberly Smith-Minister's Wife
Mrs. Mollie Morman-Minister's Wife
1st Lady Erma Turner-Pastor's Wife

Emerson District

1st Lady Terric Ferguson-Superintendent's Wife
1st Lady Teresa Washington-Pastor's Wife
1st Lady Alisha Blanks–Pastor's Wife
Mrs. Georgia Daniels-Elder's Wife
Mrs. Janice Gates-Elder's Wife

Magnolia District

1st Lady Delores Hayes-Superintendent's Wife
1st Lady Yolonda Miller-Pastor's Wife
1st Lady Barbara Carnell-Elder's Wife

Monticello District

1st Lady Carrie Owens-Pastor's Wife
1st Lady Linda Williams-Pastor's Wife
1st Lady Linda Brewer-Pastor's Wife

Prescott Central District

1st Lady Lois Adams-Superintendent's Wife
1st Lady Cynthia Wesley-Pastor's Wife
Mrs. Jacqueline Hale-Minister's Wife

Texarkana Central District

1st Lady Lullia Jones-Superintendent's Wife
1st Lady Mary Beed-Pastor's Wife
Mrs. Cecelia Huff-Minister's Wife

Waldo District

1st Lady Evenlyn Page-Superintendent's Wife
1st Lady Norma Williams – Pastor's Wife
1st Lady Ola Brown–Pastor's Wife
1st Lady Cassandra Moss–Pastor's Wife
1st Lady Nathania Grisby–Pastor's Wife
1st Lady Teresa Thrower-Pastor's Wife
Mrs. Jennifer Page-Minister's Wife
Mrs. Stacy Mitchell-Minister's Wife
Mrs. Clara Hicks-Supporting Wife
Mrs. Creenella Thrower-Supporting Wife

Louisiana District

1st Lady Loretta Liggins-Superintendent's Wife
1st Lady Jacquelyn Phillips-Pastor's Wife
Mrs. Carmesha Hayes-Minister's Wife

Pastor Sterling Duncan
and the Antioch Church of God in Christ Church Family,
Supt Roosevelt and Lady Rosetta Allen and the C. D. Owen's Memorial District
Malawi Central Africa Jurisdiction

Wishes to Congratulate

Mother Claudette Duncan

SUPERVISOR OF MALAWI CENTRAL AFRICA JURISDICTION

for being selected as one of the Church of God in Christ's

150 INFLUENTIAL WOMEN FOR 2015

Congratulations

Congratulations To

Evangelist Missionary Dianne Keel Atkins

on her selection as one of
Church of God in Christ
150 Influential Women, Worldwide

"One Lord, One Family, One Church, One Community"
"And let us not be weary in welldoing, for in due season, we shall reap, if we faint not" Gal. 6:9

We Love You For Your Integrity, Compassion, Effective Leadership, and Faithfulness to Family and Ministries

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NGS Business and Professional Women's Federation Family
NGS Urban Initiative Family
NGS Youth Dept. Family

New Reid Temple Church Family and

Deacon John C. Atkins / husband, Deacon Hank Keel / father
Mr. and Mrs. Ian and Nicole Grant / son-in-law and daughter
Sean and Chelsea Grant / grandchildren

Bishop William T. Cahoon, Juris. Prelate Mother Marie Morgan, Juris. Supv., Designee

COGIC's 150 INFLUENTIAL WOMEN 2015

Dr. Goldie Frinks Wells

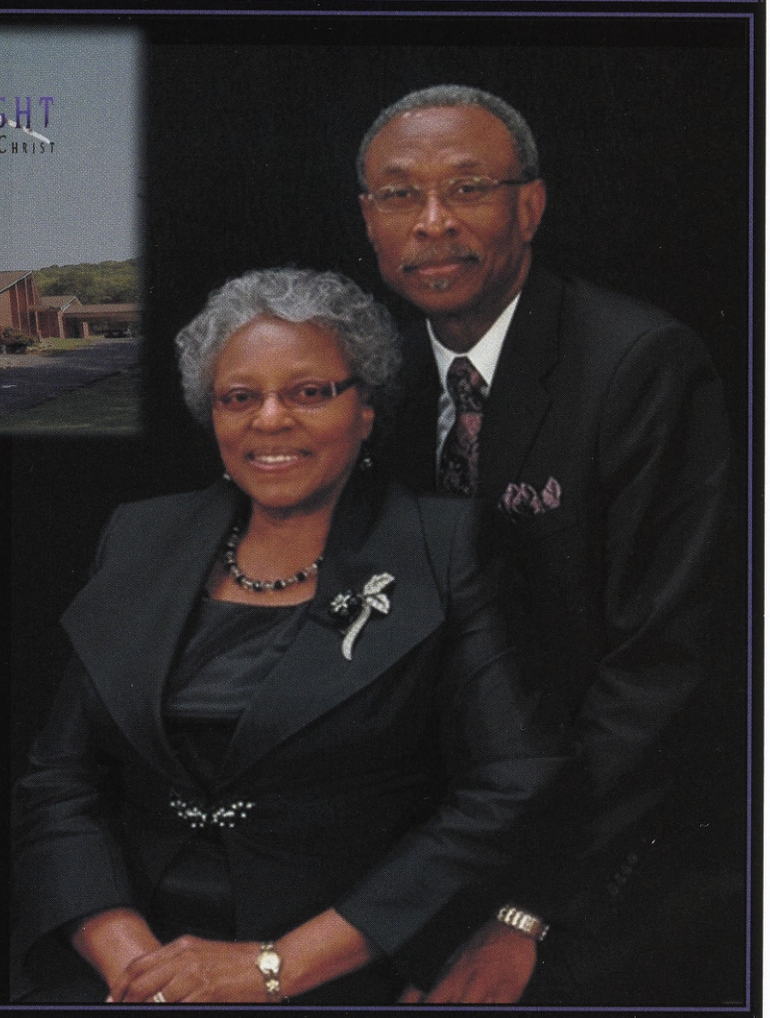
Congratulations on being selected as one of COGIC's 150 Influential Women for 2015

Though your accomplishments are great; they are secondary to who you are as church member, mother, grandmother, friend, mentor, & saint. We take this time to honor and salute you for your steadfast faithfulness to the body of Christ.

May God continue to bless you,
Friends of Goldie F. Wells

"Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates"
Proverbs 31:31

First Lady, Dr. Hattie Pearl Harris would like to express her deep appreciation and sincere gratitude for being recognized as one of COGIC's 150 Influential Women.



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MOTHER FELICIA JONES - THOMAS

CHURCH MOTHER

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Mother you truly inspire, encourage and set a great example for the women of Judah Ministries COGIC, the Coatesville Community and abroad. Your journey is most inspiring. We join in with our great church and we say "Thanks For All You Do".

Thanks for the Sister to Sister Fellowships, the counseling sessions, the activities sponsored by The Mother's Board, for being an example of a Godly wife, mother and grandmother. Most importantly, we cherish you for alway's upholding our pastor's hands. As our church mother, you are serving God in a fine and worthy way.

Love,

The Judah Ministries COGIC Family

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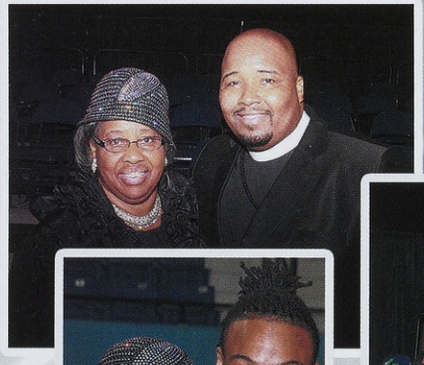
The Green Family Celebrates

Mother Jacquelin G. Holmes

for her love, concern, support & Godly Influence on our lives



Greater North Carolina Jurisdiction
Church Of God In Christ

Mother Harrizene H. Keyes
Jurisdictional Supervisor of Women

Bishop & Mrs. Leroy J. Woolard
Jurisdictional Bishop & First Lady

CONGRATULATIONS!

Mother Harrizene H. Keyes, Supervisor
First Lady Carolyn B. Parker
Dr. Goldie F. Wells
First Lady Pamela M. Wooden

Recipients of COGIC'S 150 Influential Women!
We celebrate this honor with you!!!

The Department Of Women

Congratulations

Dr. Barbara Gillespie Washington

We are so proud of you. How honored we are to be part of your life. You have been an amazing example of Godliness, and you embody what the P is all about. You are Phlegmatic, Percipient, Performable, Perspicacious, Paternal, and Pedagogical. More importantly, you are a Prayer warrior, with Plenty of love to share, Purposed to do God's will. You are Potent in the delivery of God's word, and you are Positively, unequivocally the best, mom, grandmother, friend, confidant, colleague anyone could ask for. We love you, respect you, admire you, and applaud you; not for the accolades you have accumulated, or for the things you have, or the places you have been, or the cars you drive, or the wigs you wear, or the hats you rock. It's for the PERSON you are. You are Preciously, Properly, made in Gods Phenomenal image. Congrats on your selection for COGIC'S 150 influential women.

COGIC'S

150 Influential Women 2015

Congratulations

COGIC's 150 INFLUENTIAL Women 2015

Sis Helen C. Cook

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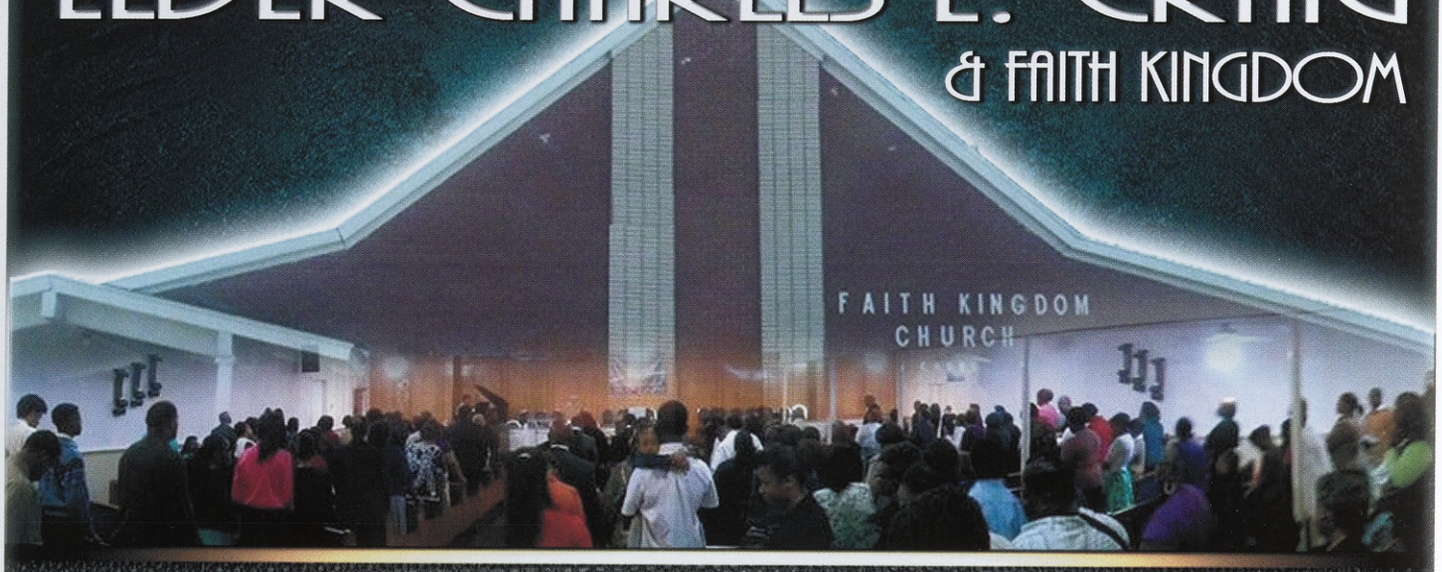


SALUTES THE LEGACY

THE LEGENDARY

FIRST LADY, EVANGELIST

JANICE I. CRAIG

Gloria LeShan Lewis was born and reared in Wichita Falls, TX, to the parentage of the late Superintendent Leroy Cleaver and the late Missionary Gloria Jean Cleaver. She is the youngest of 6 children. She is the proud wife of Pastor Vincent Lewis of Wheatley Church of God in Christ in Dallas, TX, and mother of Lauren Brianna and Vincent Renard, III.

Sister Lewis was educated at Southern Methodist University where she earned a B.S. in Electrical Engineering, graduating Cum Laude, and she earned a Master of Business Administration from the University of Dallas.

She is employed by AT&T, currently as Executive Director – Network Engineering, and has worked for the company since 1996. She was featured in the July, 2008, edition of Black Enterprise magazine as an uprising executive in the corporate world.

She formerly served on the board of directors for the Suicide and Crisis Center of North TX for 6 years and is currently a volunteer and on the board of trustees for Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services.She was a recipient of the President's Volunteer Award in 2011, 2013, and 2014.

First Lady

Gloria Lashon Lewis

Congratulations!

First Lady Sheila L. Cook

May God's favor continue to be upon your life as He continues to inspire and empower your ministry. We Love you!

Ohio North First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

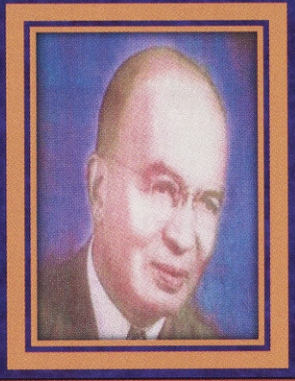
Bishop Edward T. Cook –Prelate **Mother Thelma Giles-Butts – Supervisor of Women**

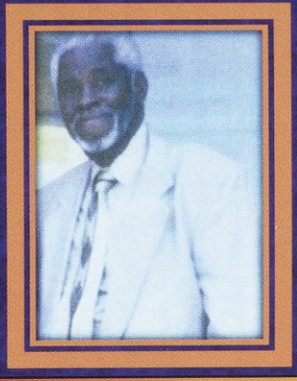
Congratulations First Lady!

Zion First Celebrate and Love You as Our Church

Celebrate 100 Years in Ministry

Pastor Rickie L. Williams and First Lady Mother Pauline Williams
2003-Present Assistant Supervsor





Founder *Retired Pastor*
Overseer Samuel W. Harrison ~ Superintendent Willie Peals
1916 – 1977 **1977 – 2003**

A Historical Church, the first COGIC in Northern California, founded by the late Overseer Samuel Harrison in 1916. The first COGIC in Oakland, CA. Zion First is now Celebrating 100 years, 1916-2016. Restored in 1978 by the second pastor, Retired Pastor Willie E. Peals. On September 23, 2013 the church was ravaged with fire, God BLESSED Pastor Rickie L. Williams, in 2014 to rebuild and led the congregation into a new beautiful edifice standing and continuing in ministry on the same corner.
To God be the Glory for the Things He has done!!!

Holy Spirit

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California North Central Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Bishop Donald R. Murray, Jurisdictional Prelate ~ Mother Farine Lee, Jurisdictional Supervisor, Department of Women

Congratulations Dr. Gloria Rodgers

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Your untiring labors of love and contributions to your fellow men and women have not gone unrecognized in the great domains of heaven above, nor in the realms of earth below.

Through a steadfast faith in the "God of Miracle", truly miracles have followed you wherever you go.

Under the great leadership and auspices of the grand ole Church of God in Christ, you demonstrate your love for the people and country of Nigeria by anointed prayers, church building and church planting. Naturally, as a physician, you provide medical supplies, as well help with water resources and housing and education. The people of that great land have responded to you with overwhelmed love and embrace.

Locally, in Columbus, Georgia you provide state-accredited care for the elderly and infirmed, and you have provided free new toys for Christmas for children for years. You provide prayer and godly counsel for people of all rungs of the social ladder with love, joy and uncommon care. For decades, you have given away free food and clothing to all that may ask.

Our local assembly, the Cathedral of Prayer Church of God in Christ, continues to be inspired and indebted to you for your leadership, prayers and immeasurable influence on so many levels.

Yet, despite all your accolades, perhaps your greatest attribute of all is that everyone that comes in contact with you immediately falls captive to your loving heart, your godly smile, and that infectious, anointed charm.

Your tremendous administrative and educational talents and accomplishments are exceeded only by your humility, fire for service to people and love for others, and commitment to almighty God.

"Give her the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates"

Superintendent Charles Rodgers
Pastor, Cathedral of Prayer Church of God in Christ
Columbus, Georgia

"To accomplish great things we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe." – Anatole France

We salute you today for not only acting and dreaming

BUT believing!

Congratulations to our "dear" Supervisor

Mother Dr. Barbara Gillespie-Washington

The Women's Department

Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Central Illinois

...for being chosen as one of

COGIC's 150 Influential Women...

Lady Prentiss McClelland

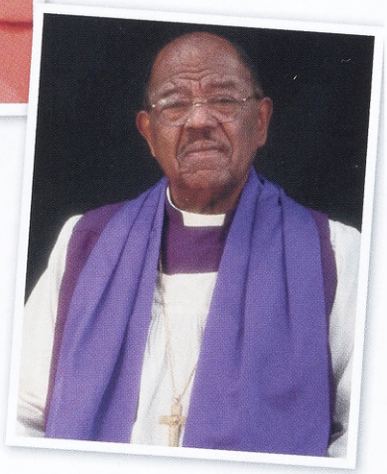
We salute and congratulate Lady Prentiss McClelland,
Our First Lady of Holy Cathedral Church Of God In Christ
and the Wisconsin Northwest Jurisdiction Bishop's Wife -
The Fragrance of our Jurisdiction,
for being selected as one of the 2015,
150 Influential Women in the Church Of God In Christ.

We Love You!

Bishop Charles H. McClelland

Wisconsin Northwest Jurisdictional Prelate & The Holy Cathedral Church Family

COGIC 150 Influential Women



Dr. Sherri L. Penson

Sixth Jurisdiction of Illinois - Bishop W.H. Bonner, Prelate

Congratulations Supervisor Designee!

Thank you for balancing your work as Dean of Education for the Int'l. Department of Missions, Dean of Education for the 6th Jurisdiction, Leadership as the Supervisor Designee for St. Thomas U.S. Virgin Islands, Your professional career, Your role as CEO of Destiny of Hope Christian Education and your duties as the District Missionary for the James B. Alford District. Your steadfast loyalty and faithful service have been invaluable, and I am honored to see you receive this Award.

~Bishop William H. Bonner, Prelate - Sixth Jurisdiction of Illinois

CONGRATULATIONS

COGIC'S 150 INFLUENTIAL WOMEN

Dr. Grace Harris

JURISDICTIONAL SUPERVISOR
WISCONSIN NORTHWEST

Congratulations to my wife on being recognized as one of the 150 influential women in the Church of God In Christ. She is such a tremendous gift to our family and to the body of Christ. May God continue His favor upon her life, for she has touched so many in her unique roles as Supervisor, Wife, Mother, Friend, Mentor to many, Lover of everyone, Gifted evangelist and an Anointed psalmist!

Love from *"King George"* **your (Black. Man. Working.)**
Deacon George Harris

WISCONSIN NORTHWEST JURISDICTION

We salute and congratulate our beloved Supervisor
Mother Pia Haynes Williams
upon her selection as one of
The 150 Influential Women in the Church of God in Christ, Inc. Worldwide
FOUNDED 1914
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Purpose Power Prayer Purity
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
The Department of Women
Thank you, our precious and sainted Mother, for your stalwart and visionary leadership, and for the impeccable example you set as an anointed vessel of Christ for Holy women all over the world.
...A Heritage of Holiness...A Legacy of Leadership...
The Department of Women • Texas Northeast First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
Mother Pia Haynes Williams, Jurisdictional Supervisor • Bishop-Designate J. E. Hornsby, Prelate

Congratulations
TO
Supervisor Grace Harris
We Extent Blessings and Congratulations on
being Selected as one of
CHRIST TEMPLE
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
COGIC'S
150
INFLUENTIAL
WOMEN
Pastor Devern Suggs
FIRST LADY LOIS SUGGS

Congratulations First Lady

Evangelist

Esther R. Pullings

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Because of you, many people have come to realize that we have a good and loving God. So many people today are enjoying an intimate relationship with our loving Savior, Jesus Christ because of your example.

May the Lord bless you, and give you a bountiful harvest for your generous sowing into the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our prayers and love are with you and we trust that His grace is touching every area of your life.
Remember, you are greatly blessed, highly favored and deeply loved!

Blessings,

The First Lady's Committee

CONGRATULATIONS

Dr. Grace A. Harris

WISCONSIN NORTHWEST JURISDICTION

Jurisdictional Supervisor, Department of Women

On behalf of the constituents of the Wisconsin Northwest Jurisdiction it is our pleasure to take this opportunity to congratulate you, Mother Harris on your selection as one of COGIC's 150 Influential Women.

Your accomplishments and courageous spirit are an inspiration to us all. As we reflect on your years of dedicated and faithful service to the jurisdiction and to the Department of Women, we take great pride in celebrating all that you have achieved.

Bishop C. H. McClelland, Jurisdictional Prelate **Mother Juanita Stokes, Assistant Supervisor**

Congratulations

UPPER ROOM

"There is always room for you in the Upper Room"

Shepherdess/Co-Founder Pearlie Shelton

From the Upper Room of Greater Gainesville Family

"WHAT AN HONOR"

TO BE RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF

COGIC'S 150 INFLUENTIAL WOMEN

THE SEAL OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.
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MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

I AM SO APPRECIATIVE OF THIS UNIQUE HONOR

SUPERVISOR

GRACE A. HARRIS, PHD

WISCONSIN NORTHWEST JURISDICTION

Bishop C. H. McClelland, Jurisdictional Prelate

Congratulations

MOTHER, WE CONGRATULATE
you on being selected as one of 150

Influential Women of the

Church of God in Christ

SUPERVISOR DR. GLADYS LOCKETT ROSS
Jurisdictional Supervisor
Texas Central Metropolitan Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
Houston, TX
Bishop Hewett Richardson, Sr.

You are truly a Proverbs 31 women and we love you.
Your children,
Joy, Jasmine and Joshua Ross

CONGRATULATIONS

Evangelist

Ruth C. Pryor

COGIC's 150 INFLUENTIAL Women 2015

On this well-deserved honor. We thank God for the gift in you; full of compassion, generosity and humility. You have touched many lives in many ways over the years.

As a...

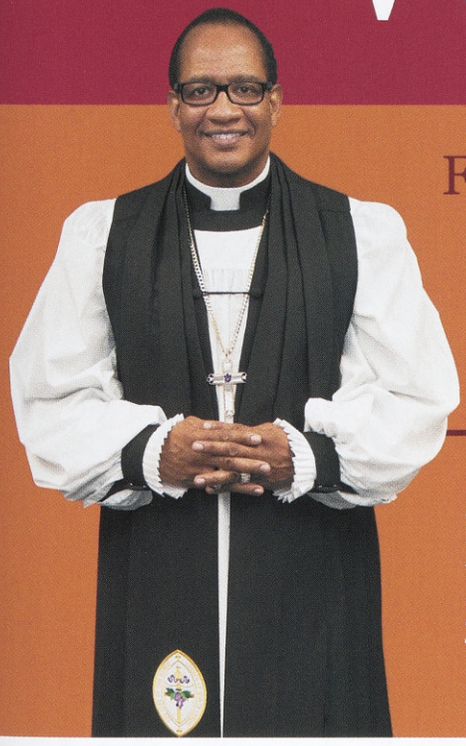
Gracious Daughter Woman of Excellence Loving Mother Special Friend Woman of Wisdom Teacher & Mentor

Mother Irma L. Trice Sis. Gwen Bowman Elder Mel A. Pryor Elder & Mrs. Ernest Hodgers Sis. Regina Crudup Sis. Deborah Martin

Congratulations

First Lady

Pamela Wooden



For Being Selected As One Of The

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Mother

Ruth C. Pryor

COGIC's 150 INFLUENTIAL WOMEN AWARD

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Stacey B. Pryor

Wardene B. Talley

Missionary Sheila Baber

Mother Thelma Bell

Mother Ella Carter

Your life's legacy goes beyond personal & ministry accomplishments, rather those lives you've genuinely impacted so richly.

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Victorious Believers Ministries

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

salutes

Evangelist Ruth C. Pryor

COGIC's 150 Influential Women

You are our Proverbs 31 "Virtuous Woman"

Thank you for committing your life to serving your family, church, community and the Body of Christ.

Continuing the Legacy of Bishop & Mrs. Marvin C. Pryor

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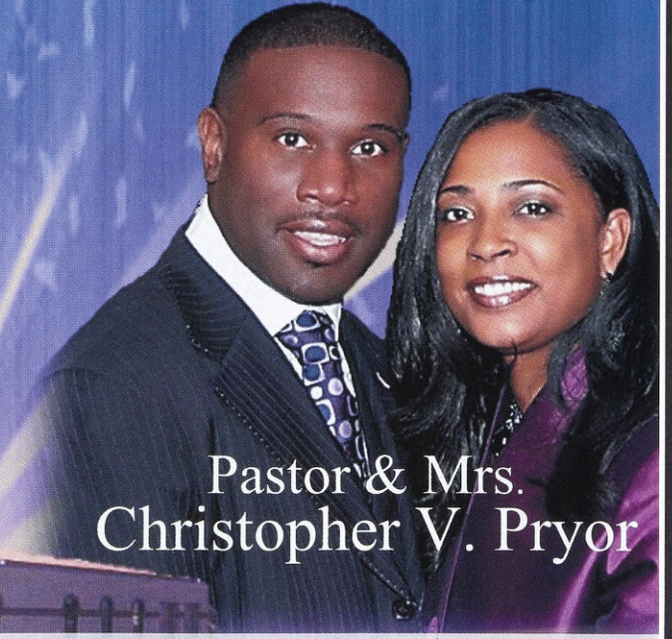

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Christopher V. Pryor

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Congratulations Mother McCaa!

Thank you for being our spiritual example and for sharing your love with God's people. You are truly blessed and highly favored and we love you!

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Sierra Vista, Az

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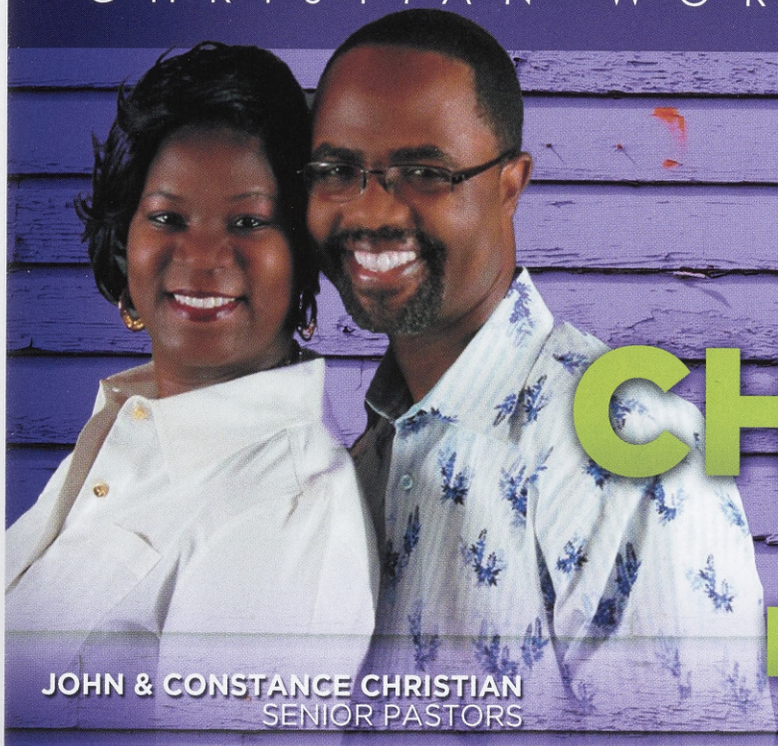

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Salutes Lady Paula Pope

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Congratulations to our Sainted

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Mother Corine Jeanetta Huffman

Bishop L.V. Broom &

First Lady Martha Broom

The Entire Staff and Congregation

TEXAS CENTRAL METROPOLITAN ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION

Congratulates

Our Very Own Supervisor Of Women

SUPERVISOR GLADYS LOCKETT ROSS

Recipient of Church of God in Christ's 150 Influential Women, 2015

From: Board of Directors, Department of Women
and the Entire Jurisdiction
Bishop Frank E. Fanniel Sr., Designate

Congratulations!

Lady Lillie Burris

from

Illinois Southeast Jurisdiction

DISTRICT #2

Pastor Loren W. Burris
Superintendent of District #2

Bishop William Scott
Jurisdictional Prelate

Dr. Danette Fishburn-Scott
Jurisdictional First Lady

Mother Roxalana Moore
Jurisdictional Supervisor

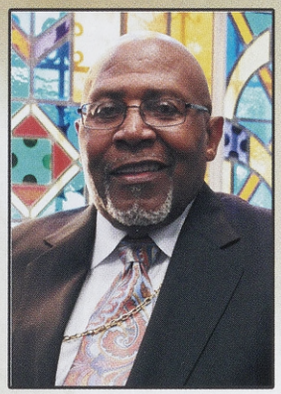
Mo. Lillian Brantley
District Missionary of District #2

Continue to Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

COGIC's 150 INFLUENTIAL Women 2015

Congratulations!

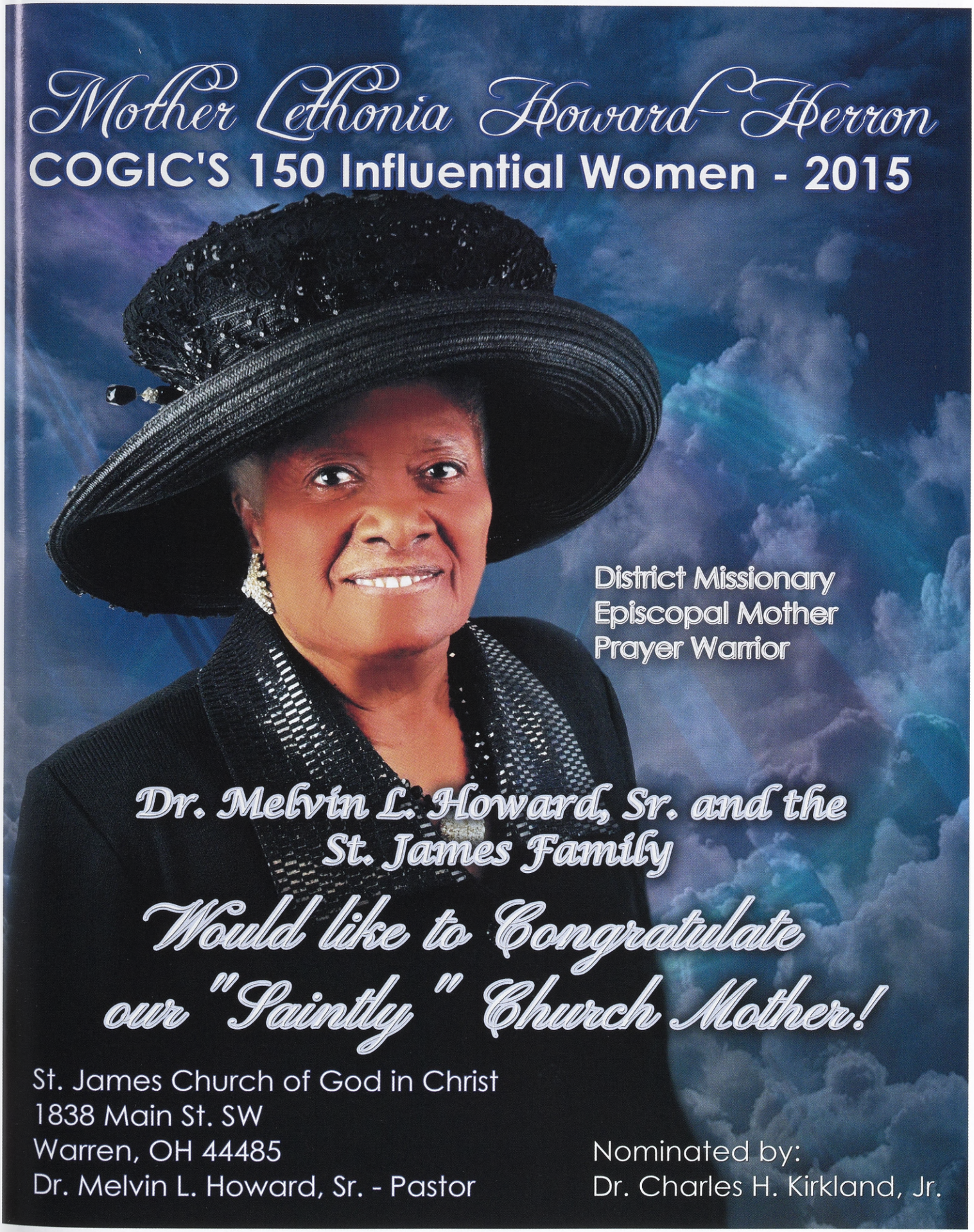
Supervisor ViCurtis E. Little



Vi,

It is most precious privilege to congratulate you for being selected as one of the 150 Most Influential Women of 2015 in the Church Of God In Christ. You are the quintessence of a queen. You are crowned with wisdom and anointing. You are clothed with beauty internally and externally. Your demeanor is one of royalty and majesty. Your attention and service to me and your family is extraordinary and comforting. Your decision serve to others is a lifestyle and example for every woman in the universe. Your parents, Lloyd C. Coles, Sr. and Cleopatra Coles are very proud of you, even in eternity. As a Pastor's wife, you have been a profound model of faith, perseverance, and dedication. The entire membership of Greater Deliverance Christian Center has observed, learned, and experienced these qualities from you consistently. Your devotion to God and His people has established, strengthened, and settled you to be God's woman. I thank God every day for your grace, beauty, and most of all the unconditional love you have showered me and the ministry with for more than 50 years. Without a doubt, I am the most blessed man of all times because God allowed you to be one with me. Thank you for being my queen and making me king.

Your loving husband, Bishop John I Little


Mother Lethonia Howard-Herron
COGIC'S 150 Influential Women - 2015
District Missionary
Episcopal Mother
Prayer Warrior
Dr. Melvin L. Howard, Sr. and the
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Dr. Melvin L. Howard, Sr. - Pastor
Nominated by:
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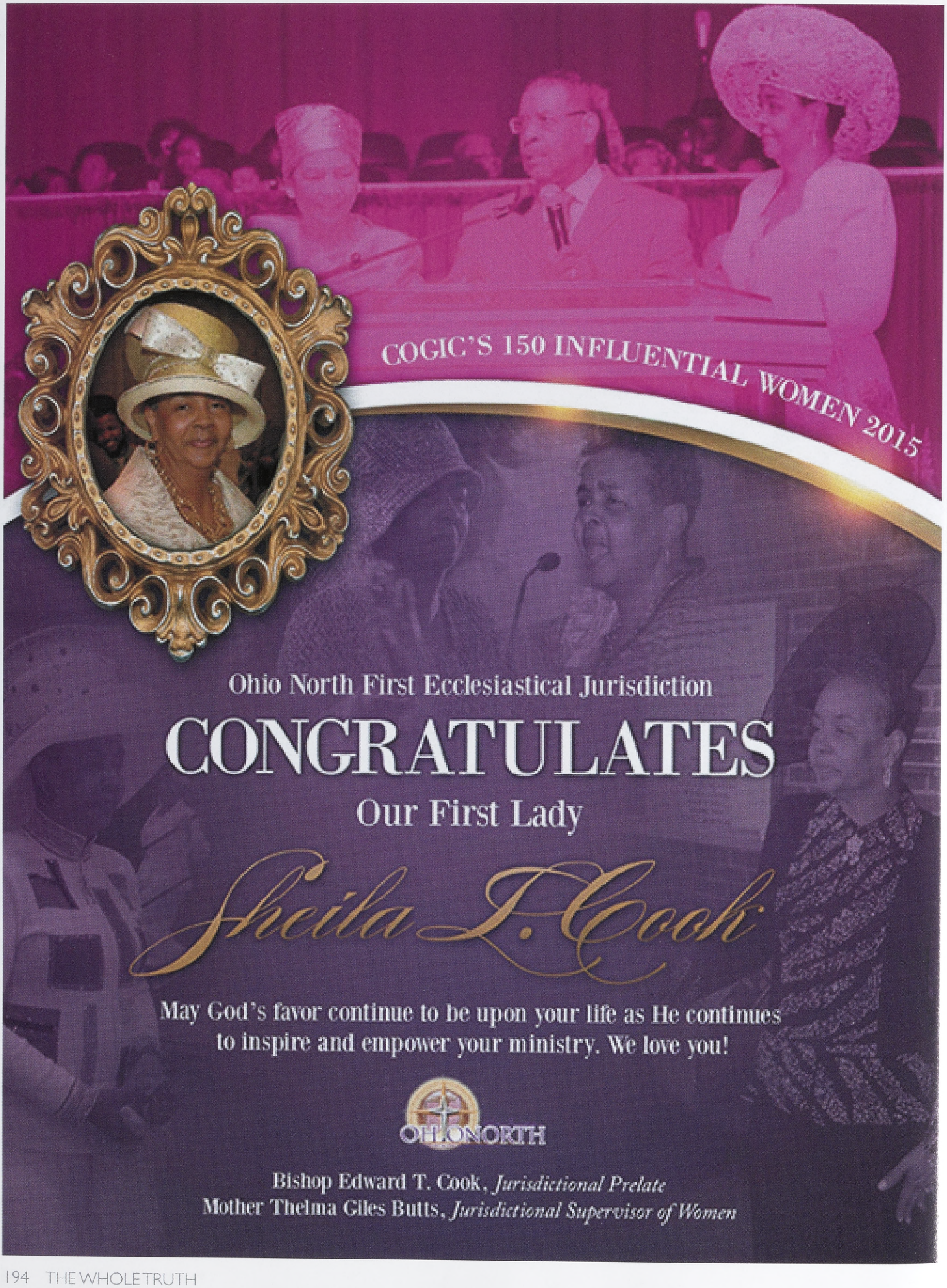
COGIC'S 150 INFLUENTIAL WOMEN 2015
Ohio North First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
CONGRATULATES
Our First Lady
Sheila L. Cook
May God's favor continue to be upon your life as He continues to inspire and empower your ministry. We love you!
OH.ONORTH
Bishop Edward T. Cook, Jurisdictional Prelate
Mother Thelma Giles Butts, Jurisdictional Supervisor of Women

CONGRATULATIONS

You are the *First Lady* of Ohio North First Jurisdiction, the *First Lady* of New Life Church of God in Christ but above all, you are the *First* and only *Lady* of my life!

This recognition is well earned and well deserved. Now the whole world knows what I've always known. You are superfantastic! I love you!

Your husband,
Bishop Edward T. Cook

Congratulations on your selection as one of the

150 INFLUENTIAL WOMEN

in the

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Mother Billie Screven

We are so very proud of you. You are truly deserving of this honor. We thank God for you and Celebrate You On This Special Occasion. May God Continue To Bless You And Keep You Forever in His Hands. Continue To Be Strong In The Lord and The Power Of His Might! It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23

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COGIC'S 150 INFLUENTIAL WOMEN

Congratulations,

First Lady Ruby L. B. Jiles, for being selected and recognized as one of the great women in our National Church. We are Godly proud of you here in the Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Alabama!

Your influence is greatly felt wherever you go, whether it be at the local, district, state or the national level! Keep on allowing God to do great things through you.

Pastor Willie L. Jiles and Family

Gethsemane Church of God in Christ and United Community Church of God in Christ

COGIC's 150 INFLUENTIAL Women 2015

Congratulations

Mother Harrizene Keyes

We are proud of you and do esteem you highly for your great influence and your labor of love for the Department of Women, Greater North Carolina Jurisdiction. May God bless, as you continue to do His work!

The Executive Board
Department of Women
Greater North Carolina Jurisdiction

Jeremiah 29:11

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CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE SELECTED ONE OF COGIC'S

150 Influential Women 2015

Mother
Martha Cooper
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Superintendent
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Mary Mayfield Smith
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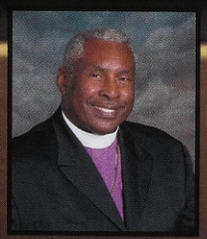
Band President



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Jurisdictional Prelate

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Assistant General Supervisor/Jurisdictional Supervisor

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FIRST LADY SHEILA L. COOK

AS ONE OF THE 150 INFLUENTIAL WOMEN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

WE ARE GODLY PROUD OF THIS ACCOMPLISHMENT AND LOVE YOU TO LIFE!

Bishop Edward T. Cook and your

New Life Church of God in Christ Family

We, the Legacy, Salute the Legendary Life of Mother Stella Mae Mason Parson

Dr. Jacqueline Parson Barker (Ed.D)

Mother Stella Mason Parson

Rev. Dr. Naida Parson (Ph.D)

"Her children arise up, and call her blesseb"
Proverbs 31:28

The Parson Family

Congratulations Missionary Lela Howard

from the

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of the Church of God in Christ

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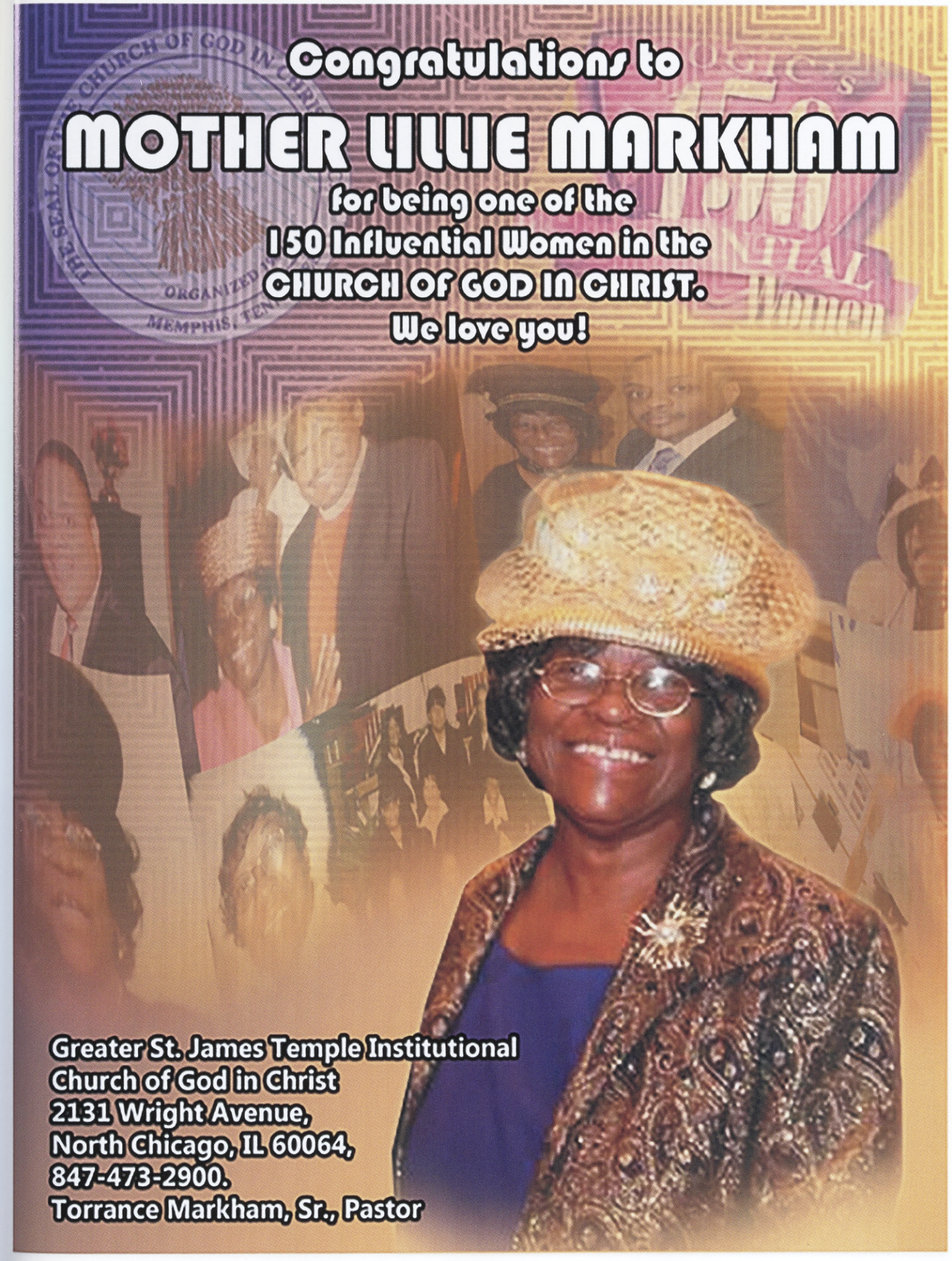
Congratulations to
MOTHER LILLIE MARKHAM
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COGIC's 150 INFLUENTIAL Women

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May God continue to Bless you for your continuing Work in Love for the Body of Christ!

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Congratulates

District Secretary and Superintendent's Wife,

First Lady Mary Jo Clay

on being selected as one of COGIC's 150 Influential Women 2015.

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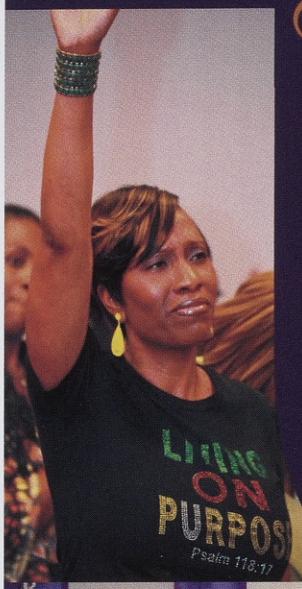

Congratulations

to our esteemed First Lady

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Mother

Betty Taylor

We are so excited you have been selected; it's an honor well deserved. As a member of Starlight, you go far and beyond what a Pastor could ask for.

We pray God's blessings on you and that He will continue to shower His blessings upon you.

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Elder Ezra Howard, Pastor

Congratulations Mother Lela Howard

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Congratulations

Mother Mary Louise Tenzy

On your nomination as one of the 2015

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Congratulations!

First Lady Dyanna Myers

on becoming one of the

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Doctor and First Lady Myers

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from those who walk uprightly.

Psalm 84:11

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The VWG Prayer Line Ministry congratulates
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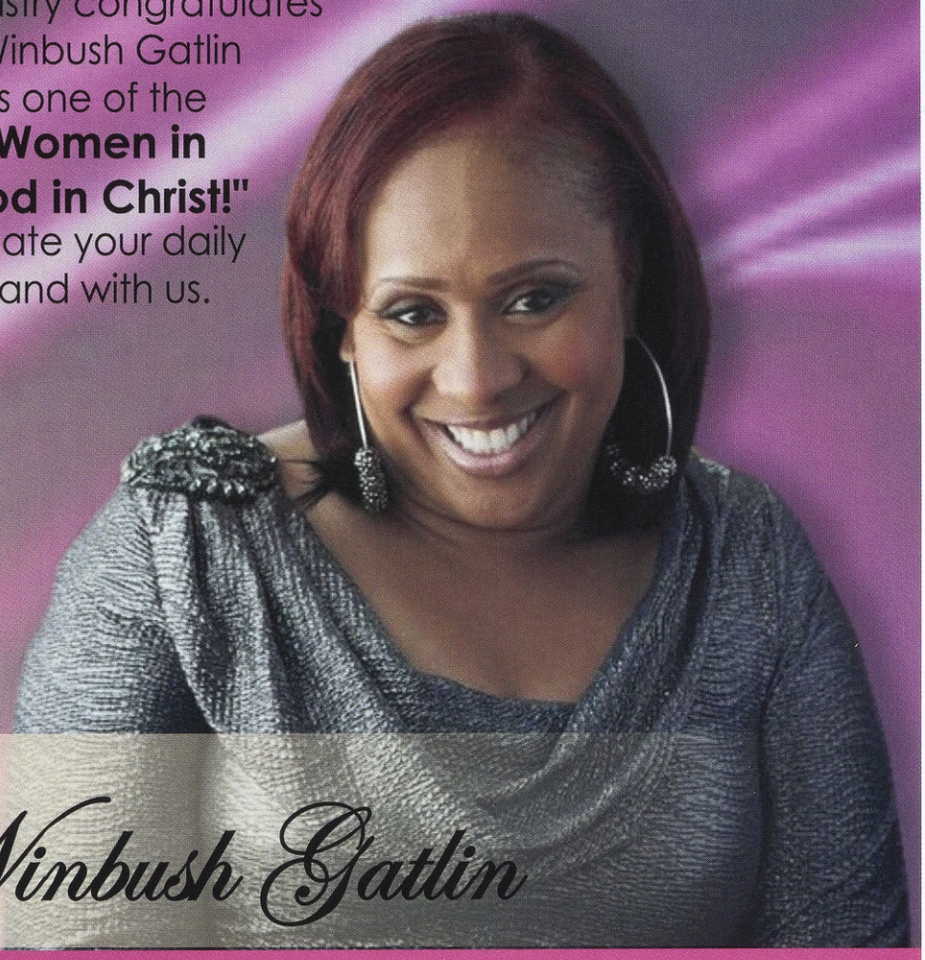
We love and appreciate your daily
Kingdom labor for and with us.



COGIC's 150 INFLUENTIAL Women

Evangelist

Vanessa Winbush Gatlin

FOUNDER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Vanessa
WINBUSH-GATLIN

your destiny has always been the stars. We your family are excited but not surprised that others are recognizing your unique gifts for the human soul. God bless you for this monumental achievement and may thus be one more step on your journey to greater things.

Love you much,
Your Family

CONGRATULATIONS

Msny. Tryphosia N. Lee!

("An Influential Woman of God!")

Congratulations Msny. Lee on this outstanding honor!

Being recognized as one of the 150 outstanding persons in our National Church is worthy of much recognition.
Thank you for your work in the ministry. Thank you for representing Southern Illinois Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and your local ministry with distinction!
You have my continued prayers and support!
Sincerely,
Bishop E.R. Patterson, Jr. – Prelate
Southern Illinois Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Supervisor Evonia Purkett and Some of your "Sister Girls" say...

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Celebrating our

First Lady Missionary *Sarah H. Walker*

Greater New Jerusalem COGIC Church Family along with Northern Mississippi Jurisdiction would like to CONGRATULATE District Missionary SARAH H. WALKER on being selected as one of COGIC's 150 Influential Women in the Church of God In Christ Body. This is indeed a great accomplishment and we are honored to have you as our First Lady.

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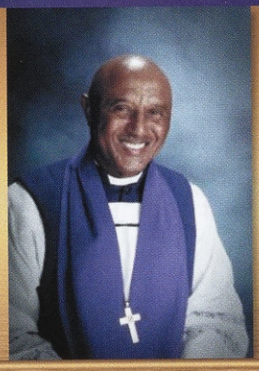
CONGRATULATIONS

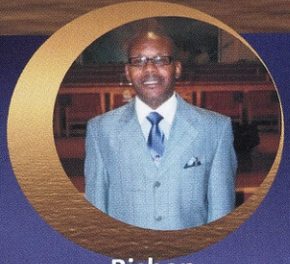
Sister Monica Merriweather



The Executive Board of the Texas Western Jurisdiction (TWJ) COGIC proudly congratulates Sister Monica Merriweather as one of COGIC's 150 Influential Women. Your role as TWJ Public Relations Director, your support in your local church and your outstanding service in the community, is exemplary.
WE SALUTE YOU!

BISHOP
J.O. LAWSON
Jurisdictional Prelate

MOTHER
D. LYNNETTE RIDDICK
Jurisdictional Women's Supervisor



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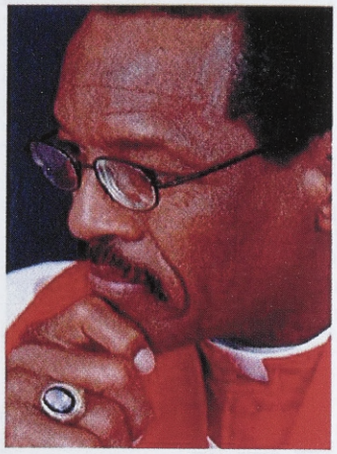

"CONGRATULATIONS"

Mother Martha Juliana Cooper

"Thou wilt show me the path of life; in Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore." Psalms 16:11

Mrs. Blake and I extend to you our prayers and best wishes in commemoration of being selected as one of the **"150 COGIC Influential Women 2015".** You are to be wholeheartedly commended for the dedication you have exhibited in the service of God's people to positively impact and change the lives of countless women within your community and around the world in a spirit of dignity and excellence.

Therefore, it is indeed our pleasure to join in with the Church of God in Christ Publishing House, West Angeles Church of God in Christ, your family and friends, in acknowledgement of your selfless devotion and beneficence. We are so very proud of you and rejoice with you in triumph. For all the successes behind you we send congratulations…for all the challenges ahead, we send blessings.

Let me commend to you the same words of the Apostle Paul to the Church at Corinth: "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen." [I Cor. 16:23-24]

Your servant in Christ,

Charles E. Blake

Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr.
Pastor, West Angeles Church of God in Christ

Michigan Southwest Third Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Church Of God In Christ

Congratulates Our Own!

Dr. Elizabeth Walton-Coleman, Mother Delilah Duell & Evangelist Ruth C. Pryor

on being one of COGIC's 150 Influential Women! We thank God for your inspiration, your encourgement, your example that you exemplify to your families, to your local church, your District and the Jurisdiction. We are so Godly proud of each of you!

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Elder Christopher V. Pryor, Pastor

Congratulations

DR. SHARON BURCHETTE

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And the last thing you seek is a pat on the back.
You've stood so tall with Jesus as your guide.
You have fulfilled every role, as a friend, teacher, mother, and bride.
You and Pastor Burchette are the models of one accord,
And that's just one of many reasons you are so loved and adored.
Serving us as unto the Lord;
You have been the most cherished role model of all,
By showing us how best to answer God's call.
You made a decision a long time ago;
A decision to allow others around you to grow.
The kindness and love you have shown,
Is the best living example of Proverbs 31
we have ever known.

Adapted from Richard Vincent Rose

We love you! Pastor Julius Burchette, Julius John Paul Burchette, Tiffany Burchette, Crystal Burchette, Jewell Bradford, Darrell Bradford, Emmanuel Bradford, Darrell Bradford, Jr., & Alexander Josiah Bradford

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR SELECTION AS ONE OF THE 150

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WE CONGRATULATE OUR FIRST LADY
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The 30th of August
Two Thousand Fifteen, Anno Domini

Dr. Barbara A. Jackson
Supervisor of Women
Ohio West Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
Church of God In Christ

It is with great joy that I received the news that you had been selected as one of the Church of God In Christ' 150 Most Influential Women. This is a well-deserved recognition of truth; for you are an influential woman within our beloved church and you influence extends throughout our nation.

I count it a blessing that God has ordained our labor together and the impact is felt in the holy unity we experience throughout the Ohio West Jurisdiction. Your influence beyond the reach of our state has assisted us in our establishment, organization and growth. Your life and its accomplishments is a shining example for men and woman alike to emulate.

I honor you and on behalf of the Executive Board, all Credential Holders and Members of the Ohio West Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of the Church of God In Christ, we congratulate you for your worthy inclusion among the Church of God In Christ' 150 Most Influential Women. May God Continue to Bless and Keep You.

In Holiness,

The Right Reverend Emmitt L. Nevels, Sr.
Prelate,
Ohio West Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

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Southwest Michigan 4th Jurisdiction
Women's Department

Mother Mary J. Walton, President

Congratulations

Grace and Peace Be Upon You

District Missionary – Mother Minnie Stovall

We are godly proud of you and the life that you have exemplified on the Davis/McLeod District. We *SALUTE* you for this accomplishment as one of the 150 selected Influential Women in the Church of God in Christ. May this accomplishment and the work that you have done and continue to do to buildup the Department of Women praise you into the gates. Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed for it is evident by your faithfulness and loyalty that the Lord is with you.

And let us not be weary in well doing:
for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.
Galatians 6:9

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District Superintendent – Elder William A. Brown
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Congratulations 1st Lady Salana Walker

The Friendly Temple Family congratulates, salutes and celebrates our First Lady, Salana Walker on being selected as one of C.O.G.I.C. 150 Influential Women 2015. Now the whole church knows what we have always known.

"You Are One Of God's Best"

Thank you for serving the church as 1st Lady of Friendly Temple, Assistant Supervisor to Northern Illinois Jurisdiction, 1st Lady of Northern Illinois Youth Department, President of Friendly Temple's Women's Department, Founder of Ladies We Need a Break Retreat & Seminar, Founder of Best Wine Marriage & Relationship Conference, Founder of First Ladies Friends (FLF – a network of pastors' wives / a calling that connects them together), and Sign Language Interpreter for Deaf and Hard of Hearing all while being the wife of 1 husband and the mother of 5 children.

Thank You For Being An Inspiration To So Many!

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Supreme Court Ruling Reminds Us *of*

Man's Need *for the* CROSS

By Bishop Talbert W. Swan II, M.Div.

This past June, the United States Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that the 14th Amendment requires all 50 states to issue marriage licenses for same-sex couples, and to recognize those marriages performed in other states. Among professing Christians, the response has varied between shock, outrage, fear and indifference. However, in a time of changing norms and declining morals, there was very little surprise. As holiness, Pentecostal believers, our perspective regarding same sex marriage must be rooted in Scripture, and we must be ever-mindful that regardless of decisions made by the Supreme Court, our God reigns in unrivalled sovereignty and supremacy.

Isaiah 46:9-10 declares, "Remember the former things long past, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, 'My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure.'"

The Supreme Court decision was known to God, and, by His divine providence, it will yet serve His purpose. God is in total control of this ruling, just as He is over where the wind blows and the lightning flashes. The God of the Bible knew this day was coming. Romans 1:28 teaches, "And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done." Although the Supreme Court's ruling seems like a sin of epic proportion, it is merely another act of rebellion from a depraved human race.

Yet, God is so sovereign and so holy that the ungodly rulings of the highest human courts solicit an unworried disdain from Heaven's thrown. It should therefore not be our response to angrily blast the culture. Rather, it should strike us with sorrow for our unregenerate brothers and sisters and motivate us to pray as never before, and to compassionately preach the gospel.

Today, many are celebrating the attempted overthrow of God's design for marriage and family, yet, as with all perversion of God's design, it will only prove futile and painful in the end. Today's celebrations will bring future frustration. As tragic as this ruling is, it is relatively small in the scheme of things, which the true church of Christ has faced throughout history. There have been times when it was illegal to be a Christian. God's people have been thrown to abused, starving wild beasts as punishment. Nero wrapped Christians in pitch and used them as human candles during his parties. The Roman Catholic Church burned Christians alive during the Reformation and in many countries today, Christians are denied basic human rights, are tortured, mocked, unjustly imprisoned and executed for their faith. Many of these persecuting societies are nothing more than dust brushed by an inquiring archaeologist. Yet, the church survives and the Word of God thrives.

Therefore, regardless of laws made by man, God's church must stay fervently committed to His plan. Matthew 5:13-16 reminds us, "You are the salt of the earth...You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

The Supreme Court's ruling changes nothing for the church because the Bible does not change. Therefore, in this dark hour, we have a wonderful opportunity to do what we're supposed to do: shine and speak. We are to be living epistles and oracles that declare a living Word to a dying world. The Supreme Court decision is a reminder for the church that the world still needs Christ and that we are to yet love our neighbor and unashamedly preach Christ crucified in the place of sinners. The hope of humanity has never been in laws passed in man's courts. For even if our nation's laws represented the most respectable moral standards, they would still be insufficient to meet the greatest human need; that need is only met at the cross. It is there that we must maintain our focus.

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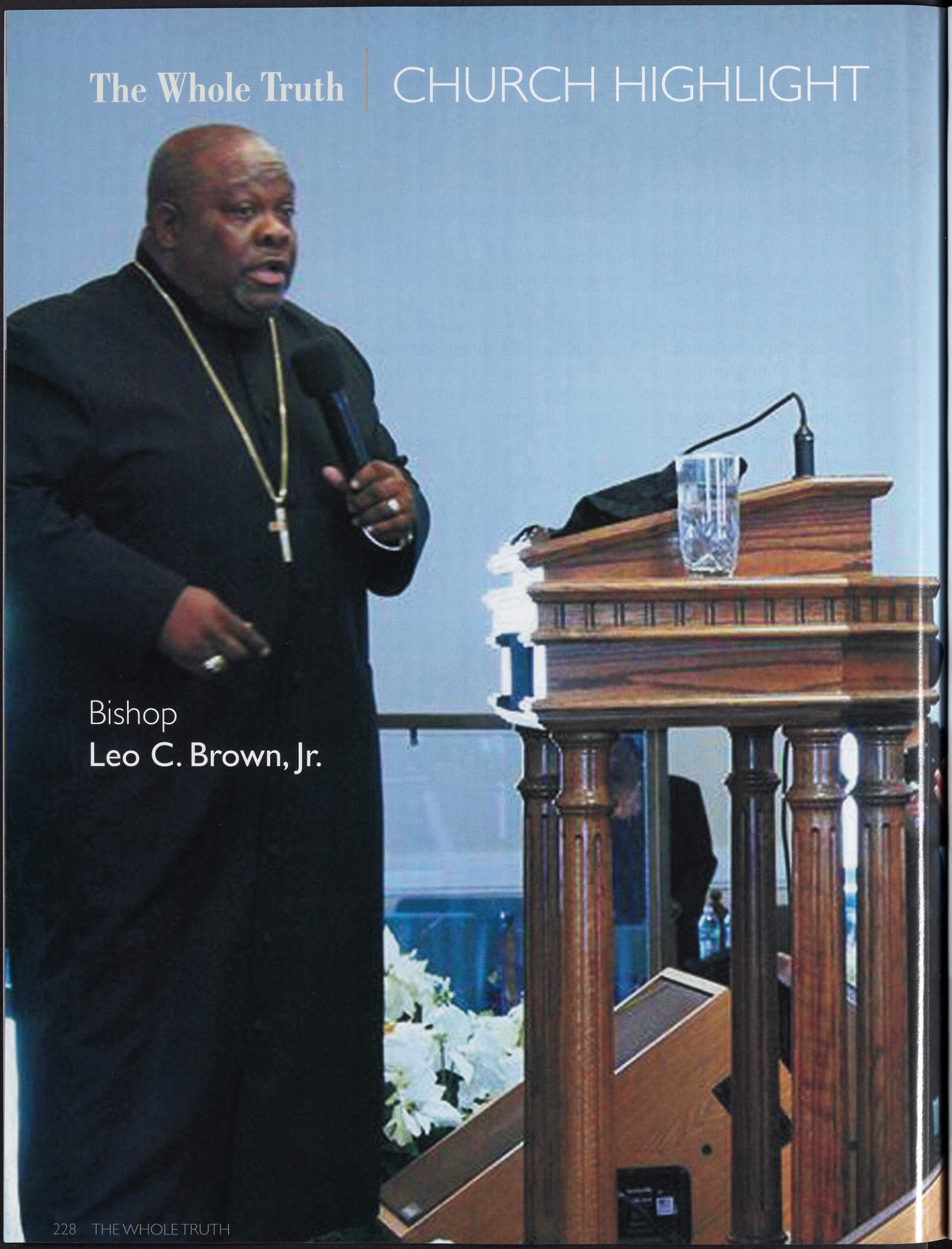

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GEORGIA METRO'S TABERNACLE OF FAITH & HOLY FELLOWSHIP

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

By Elder Kyle Huckins, PhD

Bishop Michael J. Paden, Sr. of the Georgia Metro Jurisdiction has an anointing for accomplishing the unusual. The first clue is that he's head of a group that he brought into existence with fewer churches than others said were needed, and in a manner that not many have even attempted.

He had lost a run for bishop in the Macon area but formed a fellowship of approximately two dozen churches in and around the Peach State's largest city. Paden then flew to Memphis to talk with Presiding Bishop G.E. Patterson to help ensure he would not get a "cease and desist" order in leading the group without being consecrated as a bishop.

"Everyone was telling me, 'This is not going to happen, this is not going to happen,' and I'm saying, 'I think this is what God has called me to do,'" Paden says.

He and the Holy Spirit held together the fellowship for 10 years until Bishop Roy Winbush of the Louisiana First Jurisdiction sponsored him and came along with two other bishops to Paden's Holy Fellowship Church of God in Christ in Snellville. After another visit from Bishop Malcolm Colby of Oklahoma Southeast Jurisdiction on behalf of the General Assembly, the Georgian received his letter of appointment as bishop and was consecrated at the November 2013 Holy Convocation in St. Louis.

Paden doesn't just lead Holy Fellowship and Georgia Metro. He also pastors Tabernacle of Faith Church of God in Christ in Atlanta, this second congregation serving as another clue for his out-of-the-ordinary anointing. He assumed the church's leadership at

the death of his father, Bishop Willis Paden.

Heading two churches and a jurisdiction is impactful even without considering that, for more than a decade, Bishop Michael Paden ran from his calling to preach. He received a bachelor's degree in construction management from Alabama's Tuskegee Institute (now a university), and while there, attended a Church of God in Christ where a mother called him a preacher. He gently corrected her, then she corrected him. "Yes, you're a preacher, all right. You're runnin," he recalls her saying. A COGIC superintendent back in Georgia said much the same when Paden visited a congregation there.

Paden surrendered to God's wishes in 1984 and started what later became known as Holy Fellowship three years later. He bought a $300,000 church building when he had just five members and $160 in the bank, writing on faith a check for a $20,000 down payment. It bounced once, but the second time it went through, thanks to prayer and the sacrifice of Paden and others going into savings and adding personal mortgages.

The church grew significantly, to 250 members today. "Bishop Paden is by far one of the best, I don't want to limit it to just saying 'pastors,' but one of the best leaders I've ever come in contact with," says Elder Michael McNair, Paden's chief of staff for the Snellville congregation. "He genuinely loves the people. He's a great man of integrity. I trust him with my life. I trust him with my family's life."

McNair started coming to Holy Fellowship as a hired musician in 1999. He became a member of a Church of God in Christ for the first time shortly afterward, later progressing to the status of minister and finally, ordination as an elder.

He and his wife Shenetta have no regrets about settling into Paden's church and supporting it. "I know that because of us paying our tithes and offerings into the ministry, God blessed my household," he says. "We would sit down and try to figure out how we were able

to pay the bills we had paid, and we couldn't do it." Paden tends to elevate musicians. As his right-hand man at Tabernacle of Faith, Elder Tewakee Culver has been the main cog in its worship wheel for 18 years. Culver handles business as the church's associate minister when the bishop is at his other church or on jurisdictional matters.

"I feel I can anticipate certain things I know he likes, and do certain things I know he needs to get done. I try to lighten the load because he's pastor of two churches," Culver explains. "We're in communication almost every single day."

The tight-knit, older congregation of around 30 is quite active, with a hospitality ministry, deacon board, children's work, ushers, choir and praise team.

Tabernacle of Faith recently received a faith boost when the bank that holds its building's note miraculously reversed course after saying the property was virtually worthless, instead stating it would credit $345,000 toward the debt of Paden's ministry.

"I said, 'Hold on – what did you say?' Then I said, 'Put it in writing,'" Paden recalls of his talk with bankers. "I got it about 30 minutes later."

The miracles don't stop with lending. First Lady Peggy Paden was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2004 but is now free of the disease. Her patient but confident declaration of faith in God at the onset of the malady set the stage for this move of the Lord.

The bishop enjoys connecting with Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, telephoning the chief prelate to encourage him, express support and pledge faithfulness. "I will not let him down," Paden promises. "To whom much is given, much is required."

Bishop Paden indeed has much, and he thanks God for it. He declares that the Lord spoke to him of his emerging ministry, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit," from Zechariah 4:6. The Holy Ghost appears to be on the job in the clergyman's work.

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Elder Kyle Huckins, PhD (Southern California First Jurisdiction) is a longtime journalist and educator, as well as author of a new book, "Getting From Here to Eternity: A Spirit-filled View of the News." For more, please visit his website at www.gettingfromheretoeternity.com.

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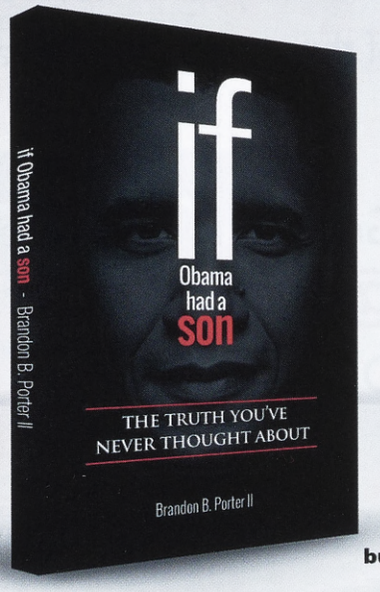

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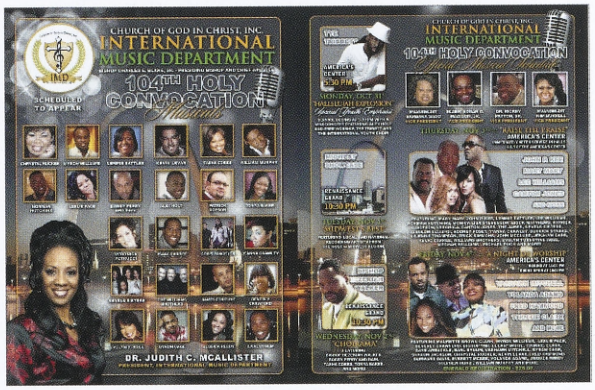

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